

## **Comment by the Democratic Unionist Party following unsubstantiated allegations**

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**Following unsubstantiated allegations made by Jonathan Bell in the Assembly chamber under the cover of Privilege we wish to point out that:**

- 1. Timothy Johnston has no interests whatsoever in the poultry industry and does not benefit or have any family members who applied to or benefit from RHI**
- 2. John Robinson has no personal interest in the poultry industry. His family home farm have chicken houses but are not part of the RHI scheme and never have been recipients or applicants.**

**These are outrageous, untrue and unfounded allegations are nothing short of mud-slinging.**

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## Arlene's Statement from Earlier

Clive McFarland

Sent: 16 January 2017 18:56

To: Edwin Poots email redacted by the RHI Inquiry

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The Assembly will be dissolved in the next number of days. It is deeply regrettable that Northern Ireland will now have no Assembly and functioning Executive over the coming period.

We all want, and I particularly want to resolve the RHI issue, so we can put it behind us and get back to the issues that really matter, like fixing out health system.

And the only way to get to the bottom of what really happened is to have a full and frank inquiry.

An inquiry will resolve the RHI – not an election.

Northern Ireland does not need, nor does it people want, an election.

With the uncertainty of Brexit, a new President in the United States and a volatile global economy, now more than ever, Northern Ireland needed stable government.

The DUP has done all we can to maintain government in the Northern Ireland Assembly so the real issues like health, education, and Brexit are addressed.

Instead of trying to work with us, Sinn Fein have chosen to pursue political self-interest.

They did not like the election result just six months ago, so they want another shot.

They have forced an election that risks Northern Ireland's future and suits nobody but themselves.

They will take every vote for them as encouragement that they can bring down the Northern Ireland Executive whenever they don't get their own way, whatever the cost to Northern Ireland, again and again and again and again.

We want to see devolution working and seek a mandate for the strongest unionist voice after the election whether it is in a restored Assembly or fresh political negotiations.

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