

Re: Bell claims

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Sent: 17 January 2017 20:42

To: Clive McFarland

Thanks Clive,
Best, David

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On 17 Jan 2017, at 20:11, Clive McFarland <clivemcfarland@dup.org.uk> wrote:

David

Sorry for it taking so long. I know you have been talking to John too but below is a statement from him.

Clive.

Statement by John Robinson

"I have never had any personal financial interest in the RHI Scheme. At no point have I ever advised anyone to join the Scheme or sought to benefit in any way from it.

I have two brothers who are poultry farmers. They are not part of the Scheme nor did they apply to the Scheme.

My father-in-law purchased two 36kw boilers for his poultry business in May 2015, they were installed in July 2015 and he applied to the Scheme on 3rd August 2015. This was before I was married in October 2015. At no time did we discuss any aspect of the Scheme nor was I aware of his application to the Scheme.

Neither my wife nor I have ever had any role in the business nor have we received any benefit, financial or otherwise, from the business.

I was appointed as an Adviser in the Department for the Economy in June 2016. I was not involved in any aspect of the RHI Scheme prior to taking up the post."

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On 17 Jan 2017, at 12:49, David Young <david.young@pressassociation.com> wrote:

Clive,

Further to Jonathan Bell's claims in last 24 hours, can I ask for a response to these specific queries:

- 1) Is John Robinson's father-in-law availing of the RHI scheme?
- 2) If so, when did his father-in-law apply and how many RHI boilers does he have?
- 3) Is his father-in-law involved in the poultry industry?

Can you get me a response today if poss.

Thanks,

David

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