

**Re: Urgent questions for DUP members**

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Sent: 17 January 2017 22:37

To: Clive McFarland

Thanks for this Clive - can let you know what we are running with in the morning.

Sent from my iPhone

On 17 Jan 2017, at 22:09, Clive McFarland <[clivemcfarland@dup.org.uk](mailto:clivemcfarland@dup.org.uk)> wrote:

David,  
Apologies for the lateness - things are obviously incredibly busy.

I will follow up with a response on the Irish Language Act stuff too. Would be useful to know what if any of these things the show intends to run with.

Clive

Statement from Simon Hamilton MLA and John Robinson.

**"Prior to the 15 December when the BBC broadcast allegations of the involvement of DUP Special Advisers in preventing the introduction of cost controls for the non-domestic RHI scheme, Dr McCormick had not informed us of the name of any DUP Special Advisor that he believed to be seeking to offer advice or exert influence over the matter.**

**Since the allegations aired on the 15 December, Dr McCormick has subsequently informed us that it was his understanding that a DUP Special Advisor who was not the then DETI Special Advisor was involved in the summer of 2015 but that he had no evidence to substantiate this."**

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**From:** David O'Dornan [David.ODornan@bbc.co.uk]

**Sent:** 17 January 2017 12:05

**To:** Clive McFarland

**Subject:** Urgent questions for DUP members

Dear Clive,

Simon Hamilton has called for transparency around RHI, as has your party leader Arlene Foster.

Indeed, yesterday at Stormont he reiterated that he had been consistent in saying "the truth of what went wrong with the scheme should be revealed".

He also added he wanted to see the maximum amount of confidence given to the public and that he wants "to see the truth come out".

With this in mind, can you answer the following questions:

**SIMON HAMILTON**

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2. Did Andrew McCormick provide a name as to who this DUP Spad might be?

**JOHN ROBINSON**

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Please confirm receipt of this email. Please respond with answers to these questions by 5pm today.

Kind regards,

David

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