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**RE: Air route development fund**


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26 August 2016 at 14:20

To: Eoin Rooney &lt;eoin.rooney@sinnfein.ie&gt;, Máirtín Ó Muilleoir &lt;mairtin@newbelfast.com&gt;

Just to note that we might need Simon Hamilton to agree with the possible withdrawal of industrial rating relief but we will tease out with DfE officials.

It might actually present DfE with a 'mitigating' argument that they could use with PAC and wider public if they agreed to work with us on withdrawing rating relief

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**From:** Scott, Michelle  
**Sent:** 26 August 2016 14:04  
**To:** Brennan, Mike; McClure, Brian  
**Subject:** RE: Air route development fund

Mike

1. Based on my understanding from discussions with DfE officials, the department itself does not hold the list of RHI payment recipients, this information is held by OFGEM who administer the scheme on DfE's behalf. Therefore, the list of companies would have to be requested through DfE – leading us to question 4.

Michelle

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**From:** Brennan, Mike  
**Sent:** 26 August 2016 13:59  
**To:** Scott, Michelle; McClure, Brian  
**Subject:** FW: Air route development fund

Michelle / Brian – The Minister is determined to withdraw rates relief from those companies that received RHI funding. This poses a number of questions.

1. Do we have a list of all individual RHI successful applicants (if so can we give to Brian and his team for cross-checking against industrial rate relief)
2. Can DoF simply decide to remove their rates reliefs (does it need regulations etc)
3. What happens if there is a legal challenge etc
4. Would other Executive ministers allow us to do this

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**From:** Máirtín Ó Muilleoir [<mailto:mairtin@newbelfast.com>]  
**Sent:** 26 August 2016 12:25  
**To:** Brennan, Mike  
**Cc:** Scott, Michelle; Eoin Rooney  
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