

# FW: Status of DETI RHI Scheme - Urgent update would be greatly received

Grace McDermott

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Does anyone have any info on this scheme?

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Subject: Fwd: Status of DETI RHI Scheme - Urgent update would be greatly received

From: barrymcelduffmla@gmail.com

To: grace\_mcdermott <[redacted]>

Grace

See email from Nick Maskery. I have already been speaking to David Robinson and Barry is due to ring David later, unless you wish to speak to David? You could say you are ringing from Pat's office?

Helena

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From: Nick Maskery <[nick@rsbiomass.com](mailto:nick@rsbiomass.com)>

Date: Mon, Feb 8, 2016 at 3:16 PM

Subject: Status of DETI RHI Scheme - Urgent update would be greatly received

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Hello Barry

Helena in your office suggested that we send this mail to you. We are based in Newtonstewart and we are suppliers and installers of Biomass boilers to the commercial and to a lesser extent the domestic market across NI. We were initially led by DETI to believe that the RHI schemes would be in place until the 31st March 2016. However there are rumours in the industry being taken very seriously that DETI has taken the decision to pull the schemes with immediate effect without any prior warning. This obviously has potentially catastrophic consequences to suppliers such as ourselves who have an estimated £800,000 locked up in scheduled installs that are not completed (for information a biomass installation of a 200kw boiler can take as long as 2 months to complete depending on complexity) not to mention the customers who have obtained finance, undertaken infrastructure changes and have built the investment into business plans, etc, etc.

Helena has been helpful and has mentioned that you may be able to find out the true status on the scheme and in particular what is the deadline for applications?

Please see the link below to the DETI website that is far from clear as to when the scheme will be closed leading to added speculation and uncertainty.

<https://www.detini.gov.uk/news/proposals-close-northern-ireland-renewable-heat-incentive-announced>

Your assistance in this matter would be greatly appreciated and we would be very grateful if you could confirm the deadline for applications to the schemes (Domestic and Commercial).

Kind regards

***Nick Maskery***

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**Aiden Donnelly** <aiden@renewableheatingsolutions.com>  
To: barrymcelduffmla@gmail.com

Tue, Feb 9, 2016 at 4:46 PM

Barry,

I was speaking to one of your colleagues regarding the RHI and they suggested I send you an email. I operate a small business in eskra and have been working in the renewable sector for 15 years. It was a great up lift to the sector when the Domestic RHI came in, which was over a year after the non-domestic.

The scheme was supposed to run to march 2017 but recently DETI had been saying march 2016. Then the announcement yesterday and I spoke to Linda McGready today in DETI and she told me only applications received by midnight next Tuesday will be accepted.

This is going to have a serious effect on my and a lot of other businesses. As it stands, we have new builds that are not ready for heat but were set on renewables, retro-fit customers looking to install geothermal heat pumps who were told by DETI that the scheme would run to end march 16 and it looks like all is lost and these people will lose out. I have about a dozen machines due in to me before the end of February which have been purposely built for the RHI market that I'm obliged to now take and ill have nowhere for them to go as I can't force them on end users. These machines total circa £50k and its enough to close my doors being stuck with them.

There are lots of rumours about possible extensions and delays but if they would even stand over the March 16 closure that installers have been working to recently it would be a help. I also think its very unfair to the domestic market that they only got 12months at it while the non-domestic got double that..... considering that it was the non domestic market and installers that completely ruined it for everyone.

Is it even legal to close this scheme without a proper consultation period?

I like to speak to you about this to see if theres any light for us. My number is

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Thanks,

Aiden Donnelly

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**Barry Mcelduff** <barrymcelduffmla@gmail.com>

Wed, Feb 10, 2016 at 9:57 AM

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Sean

A further email regarding the RHI Scheme. Apologies for all emails but just wondering what our position is on it.

Helena

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