

Subject: Meeting

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Mairtin meeting with Simon Hamilton, Economy Minister

Options re closing down RHI were discussed. Being favoured is a solution which would enable Dept of Economy to buy out users or have them continue at lower tariff, under which there would be cost to London and none to Executive.

It is unlikely any option would be completely delivered until the end of 2017 as every boiler will have to be inspected.

Compensation could be adjusted down to reflect those who have already made excess profits.

It is up to the Dept of Economy to come up with a solution, it is my job to assess its financial robustness and to ensure it stacks up. That gives us a certain distance from the DUP attempts to say we are all in this together.

The Dept of Economy will come forward with a request for @ £2m for me to sign off to green light an inspection of every boiler. This inspection is needed no matter what solution is brought forward. It makes sense therefore to permit this inspection if it is requested. However, I am seeking more information about criteria etc to ensure that it represents value for money and that it will deliver.

The Dept of Economy leaked details of the solution options to the media which were carried today to give the impression that they are working towards a swift solution.

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