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Trying Again

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DUP believe they now have a solution based on bringing all boiler owners back to a reduced payment which has been in place since November 15 2015 for those who applied to the scheme late.

Problem is that Dept of Finance told them last month that we believe that scheme is also badly designed and is already paying out almost twice as much as they intended. If they move all 3,000 boilers to the post November 15 tariff and present that as a solution, you can see that they are only rearranging deckchairs on the Titanic.

From: Ted Howell
Date: Dé Céadaoin 4 Eanáir 2017 19:05**To:** Mairtin O Muilleoir**Subject:** Re: Politics

Needss reduced to high stool/work place speak and vehicle for delivery into the public debate.

On Wed, 4 Jan 2017 at 18:57, Máirtín Ó Muilleoir <mairtin@newbelfast.com> wrote:

In November 15 new applicants for RHI were moved to reduced 12 per cent tariff.

My officials now believe this is coming in at 19 per cent not at 12 per cent as Dept of Economy stated in business case to support move to reduced rate.

The additional spending is 'irregular' unless Dept of Economy can convince my officials that they are reading things wrong and that they are sticking to 12 per cent rate of return in the business plan.

If funding is deemed irregular, as was original spending under RHI, then it is referenced up to Comptroller and starts another round of investigations and reports.