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Fwd: Response

Ted Howell <ted.howell@sinnfein.ie>

4 January 2017 at 20:14

To: Conor Heaney <[redacted]> Eoin Rooney <eoin.rooney@sinnfein.ie>, Máirtín Ó Muilleoir <mairtin@newbelfast.com>

To be sure to be sure.

On Wed, 4 Jan 2017 at 20:13, Ted Howell <ted.howell@sinnfein.ie> wrote:
GRMA. Slways Ned certainty/political-Publicity blanket in times like this!!!

On Wed, 4 Jan 2017 at 20:08, Eoin Rooney <eoin.rooney@sinnfein.ie> wrote:

Ted to be clear - the only paper seen by Mairtin, DoF and I is the high level options paper presented in December. We haven't seen the solution being touted by the DUP to the media. I don't think we can comment on its merits with authority until we see the detail but I suspect it will be a work in progress that leaves a lot of questions unanswered - so there should be plenty of scope to critique it.

On 4 January 2017 at 19:35, Ted Howell <ted.howell@sinnfein.ie> wrote:

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From: Ted Howell <ted.howell@sinnfein.ie>

Date: Wed, 4 Jan 2017 at 19:32

Subject: Re: Response

To: Conor Heaney <[redacted]>

Agree on caution about every FACT. The FACT and I interrogate it again: MOM AND DOF OFFICIALS DO NOT HAVE A WRITTEN PROPOSAL FROM DUP??????
If, Conor, the answer is again no! r u ok????

On Wed, 4 Jan 2017 at 19:27, Conor Heaney <[redacted]> wrote:

I would be cautious about this, until we discuss it tomorrow but I realise things are moving fast. The key question will be whether this is a viable plan or not but we do need Mairtin to be closely involved in any solution and seen to be involved quickly.

Conor

On Wednesday, 4 January 2017, Ted Howell <ted.howell@sinnfein.ie> wrote:

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From: Ted Howell <ted.howell@sinnfein.ie>

Date: Wed, 4 Jan 2017 at 18:46

Subject: Re: Response

To: Máirtín Ó Muilleoir <mairtin@newbelfast.com>

Last sentence a briefing point about SHamiltons motivation. Otherwise will be interpreted as a SF objective

On Wed, 4 Jan 2017 at 18:39, Máirtín Ó Muilleoir <mairtin@newbelfast.com> wrote:

Tweet:

Bemused at DUP 'solution' to RHI being trailed on media before any plan is shared with @dptfinance DUP need to stop digging & share 'plans'

Statement

I am bemused at the trailing on the media of a DUP "plan" to resolve the RHI debacle when not one scrap of paper detailing this 'plan' has been received by the Department of Finance.

I am alert to the dangers of allowing the person who was the architect of the RHI scheme — the DUP leader — to come up with a solution to this debacle.

That is why I will ensure my officials rigorously test any plan which comes from the DUP.

I will be guided solely by what is in the interest of the public purse.

The DUP are in a hole and should stop digging.

They should share any 'solution' they have now with the Department of Finance. In particular, the Dept of the Economy should reflect on the fact that my department has flagged up concerns about the post-November 2015 tariff which they are suggesting will shortly apply to all businesses using the RHI scheme.

Every plan produced by the Department of the Economy on this issue has been flawed. I will not be bounced into signing off on any new plan simply to save Arlene Foster's skin.