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**Subject:** Fw: Closure of Renewable Heat Scheme  
**Attachments:** Letter to DFP Minister.PDF; RHI Feb 11 20161.docx  
**Importance:** High

As discussed.

Many thanks.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

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**Subject:** Closure of Renewable Heat Scheme

Please see attached for the urgent attention of your Minister.

Regards

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*Dear Mervyn,*

*11<sup>th</sup>* February 2016

### **CLOSURE OF RENEWABLE HEAT SCHEME**

I am writing to confirm that the Assembly Debate on the RHI closure legislation has been scheduled for Monday 15 February which is the earliest possible opportunity. Subject to Assembly approval of the legislation I will subsequently issue a notice which will actually close the RHI to new applications (the legislation does not do this directly).

I have decided that the scheme will close on 29th February. This will effect closure as soon as practicable taking into account the need to address industry concerns and practicalities around the ending of the scheme. I understand that First and deputy First Ministers are content with this approach.

I attach a press notice which will announce this to give certainty to the industry.

I am copying this letter to the First Minister and the deputy First Minister.

Yours

*Jonathan F. Bell,*

**Jonathan Bell MLA**  
**Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment**