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Dear Damian

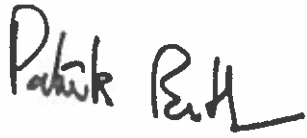
Re: The Independent Public Inquiry into the Non Domestic Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) Scheme
Provision of a Section 21 Notice requiring the provision of evidence in the form of a written statement

I refer to the assistance provided to the Inquiry by ESS in relation to the retrieval of evidence from NICS email accounts. I once again wish to thank you and your team for their hard work in this matter.

The purpose of the attached section 21 Notice relates to further NICS email accounts which the Inquiry now feels is relevant to its investigations.

Please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss any matter arising.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patrick Butler". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end of the name.

Patrick Butler

Solicitor to the RHI Inquiry

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cc. Teresa Stitt

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SCHEDULE**[No 185 of 2018]**

1. We understand from the Departmental Solicitor's Office that an OFMDFM email account existed for use by the First Minister and Deputy First Minister when Arlene Foster became First Minister in January 2016. Please provide to the Inquiry the contents of the email account for the period during which Arlene Foster was First Minister.
2. Please provide to the Inquiry the contents of the DETI/DfE Private Office email account for the period starting from the earliest date at which contents are retrievable by you and ending at the finish of January 2017.
3. Please provide to the Inquiry the contents of the DfP/DoF Private Office email account for the period starting from the earliest date at which contents are retrievable by you and ending at the finish of January 2017.

NOTE:

It is important for the efficiency of the RHI Inquiry that the issues identified above are addressed as fully as possible and by reference, where available, to the dates and locations of specific incidents to which reference is made. The statement should be broken down into paragraphs, which should be numbered sequentially from '1' to the end. The use of appropriate section headings or sub-headings is also encouraged. A template witness statement is provided with this Notice for your assistance and should be used as the format for your response.



INQUIRY INTO THE RENEWABLE HEAT INCENTIVE SCHEME

RHI REF: Notice 185 of 2018

DATE: 1st October 2018

Witness Statement of: DAMIAN MARTIN

I, Damian Martin, will say as follows: -

1. **We understand from the Departmental Solicitor's Office that an OFMDFM email account existed for use by the First Minister and Deputy First Minister when Arlene Foster became First Minister in January 2016. Please provide to the Inquiry the contents of the email account for the period during which Arlene Foster was First Minister.**

This is not quite correct. An OFMDFM email account existed for First.Minister@ofmdfm.gov.uk but there is nothing to indicate that it was for use personally by the First and/or Deputy First Minister. The email account was created at the request (see attached) of officials working in the OFMDFM Private Office to "setup a distribution list for the First Minister's Private Office" using the first.minister@ofmdfm.gov.uk email address. The request also included an instruction that all email sent to that email account was to be automatically forwarded to two other staff in the OFMDFM Private Office. Those staff were also given, as requested, full access to the email account and the ability to send emails from that email account.

Monthly snapshots of the email account (First.Minister@ofmdfm.gov.uk) were recovered for the period January 2016 to March 2017, and were made available to the RHI Inquiry Team on receipt of this s.21 Notice (21st September 2018).



2. Please provide to the Inquiry the contents of the DETI/DfE Private Office email account for the period starting from the earliest date at which contents are retrievable by you and ending at the finish of January 2017.

Monthly snapshots of the email account DfE Private Office were recovered for October 2015, and January 2016 through to January 2017. It was not possible to recover anything from the November 2015 and December 2015 backup tapes, due to a high level of data corruption on the tapes. The recovered snapshots will be made available to the RHI Inquiry Team on 1st October 2018.

3. Please provide to the Inquiry the contents of the DfP/DoF Private Office email account for the period starting from the earliest date at which contents are retrievable by you and ending at the finish of January 2017.

Monthly snapshots of the email account DOF Private Office were recovered for October 2015, and January 2016 through to January 2017. It was not possible to recover anything from the November 2015 and December 2015 backup tapes, due to a high level of data corruption on the tapes. The recovered snapshots will be made available to the RHI Inquiry Team on 1st October 2018.

Statement of Truth

I believe that the facts stated in this 2 page witness statement are true.

Signed: Damian Martin

Dated: 1st October 2018

Request Detail Report

WIT-46506

19/09/2018 11:39:33

REQUEST REFERENCE: 102,741

Requested For:	Judith Wallwin	Logged Date:	15/10/2014 12:35:25
Requested By:	Judith Wallwin	Assigned Group:	
Severity:	5 Day	Assigned Analyst:	
Status:	Closed	Category:	
Breached:	No	Service Requested:	

Summary: Email Service - Create Mailbox

Grateful if you set up a distribution list for the First Minister's private office that operates under the following email address:

First.minister@ofmdfmi.gov.uk

All mail sent here should be automatically forwarded to Jeremy.gardner@ofmdfmi.gov.uk and Judith.wallwin@ofmdfmi.gov.uk. This should be created as a VIP mailbox.

Jeremy and Judith should have full access, including send from, to this mailbox.

Thanks

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