



RENEWABLE HEAT
INCENTIVE INQUIRY

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1st June 2017

Dear Sir

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 am writing to you in my capacity as Solicitor to the Independent Public Inquiry into the Non Domestic Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) Scheme (known as 'the RHI Inquiry') which has been set up under the Inquiries Act 2005 ('the Act').

I enclose a copy of the RHI Inquiry's Terms of Reference for your information.

You will no doubt be aware that the RHI Inquiry is conducting its investigations into the matters set out in its Terms of Reference. The Inquiry is continuing with the process of gathering all of the relevant documentation from relevant departments, organisations and individuals. In addition, the Inquiry has also now begun the process of requiring individuals who have been, or who may have been, involved in the range of matters which come within the Inquiry's Terms of Reference to provide written evidence to the Inquiry Panel.

In this context, it would be of assistance to the Inquiry to have a statement on

Chairman: Rt Hon Sir Patrick Coghlin | Secretary: Andrew Browne | Solicitor: Patrick Butler

behalf of the Ulster Farmers' Union ('UFU') setting out its involvement with the Non Domestic Renewable Heat Incentive Scheme in Northern Ireland ('the Scheme').

In keeping with the approach we are taking with others, the RHI Inquiry is now issuing to you a Statutory Notice (known as a 'Section 21 Notice') pursuant to its powers to compel the provision of evidence in the form of a written statement in relation to the matters falling within its Terms of Reference.

The Section 21 Notice enclosed with this letter requires you to provide evidence to the RHI Inquiry Panel in the form of a written statement addressing the matters identified in the Schedule to the Section 21 Notice. As the text of the Section 21 Notice explains, you are required by law to comply with it.

The Notice is provided to you because, as Chief Executive of UFU, you are considered to be the appropriate person to receive it. The Inquiry may also seek evidence from other servants or agents (or former servants or agents) of UFU in relation to their personal involvement in, and knowledge of, the Scheme.

For the avoidance of doubt, the statement which is required of you by virtue of the enclosed Notice is a statement setting out the position of UFU in relation to the Scheme, rather than your own personal involvement (though no doubt any personal involvement you have had will inform the content of the statement). The Inquiry understands that you will have access to all of the relevant information in order to provide the witness statement required. Should you consider that not to be the case, please advise the Inquiry of that as soon as possible.

Please bear in mind that, although the RHI Inquiry now has a good working knowledge of the RHI Scheme, the witness statement required by the enclosed Notice is likely (in common with others) to be published by the RHI Inquiry in due course. It should therefore ideally be written in a way which is as accessible as possible in terms of public understanding.

The aim of the enclosed Notice is to require you to provide all relevant evidence you have within your knowledge, information or belief which is pertinent to the

Inquiry's Terms of Reference. The Schedule to the enclosed Section 21 Notice provides further detail as to the matters which should be covered in the written evidence which is required from you. In the event that there is a category of information in respect of which you have no evidence which you can provide, please state this in your response. Where you can provide evidence, the more comprehensive your statement is, the less likely it is that the Inquiry will have to revert to you at a later stage for clarification, although in many cases this is likely to be necessary to some degree.

Receipt of this correspondence and its enclosures places you under a duty of confidentiality to the RHI Inquiry in respect of them. You may share the correspondence and the enclosed Notice with your legal representative(s) and any relevant servants or agents of UFU but neither you nor they may show, communicate the contents of, or provide this correspondence or the Notice to any other person or organisation without the express permission of the RHI Inquiry. Any breach of this duty of confidentiality is actionable at the suit of the Inquiry Chairman.

You will also find attached to the Section 21 Notice a Guidance Note explaining the nature of a Section 21 Notice and the procedures that the RHI Inquiry has adopted in relation to such a notice. In particular, you are asked to provide your evidence in the form of the template witness statement which is also enclosed with this correspondence.

Given the tight time-frame within which the RHI Inquiry must operate, the Chairman of the Inquiry would be grateful if you would comply with the requirements of the Section 21 Notice as soon as possible and, in any event, by the date set out for compliance in the Notice itself.

Finally, I would be grateful if you could acknowledge receipt of this correspondence and the enclosed notice by email to Patrick.Butler@rhiinquiry.org.

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

Yours faithfully

Patrick Butler

Solicitor to the RHI Inquiry

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Patrick Butler', written in a cursive style.

SCHEDULE
[No 262 of 2017]

Background

1. Set out:
 - a. how the Ulster Farmers' Union ('UFU') is, and was during the period from 2010 onwards, structured (including details of its staffing structure);
 - b. details of those persons within UFU who have had, during the aforementioned period, any responsibility for, or role in respect of, renewable energy issues;
 - c. a summary of every renewable energy scheme or project, other than the Northern Ireland Non Domestic Renewable Heat Incentive Scheme ('the RHI Scheme'), in which UFU, its servants or agents, have been involved (including the name of each such scheme, the date of UFU's first involvement in it, the nature and duration of UFU's involvement in it, and any key similarities and differences between such scheme and the RHI Scheme);
 - d. a summary of the knowledge, experience, expertise, skills, or other attributes (if any) which UFU has, or has held itself out as possessing, in respect of such schemes or projects.
2. Explain the connection(s), if any, between UFU and each of the following persons:
 - a. Tom Forgrave;
 - b. Chris Osborne;
 - c. Harry Sinclair;

- d. John Gilliland;
 - e. Andrew Crawford;
 - f. Ian Marshall;
 - g. Barclay Bell;
 - h. Joy Rollston.
3. Explain the connection(s), if any, between UFU and each of the following bodies:
- a. Action Renewables;
 - b. the Renewable Heat Association for Northern Ireland;
 - c. the 'All Party Working Group on Renewable Energy' at the Northern Ireland Assembly;
 - d. the Renewable Heat Group formed by the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment ('DETI'), now the Department for the Economy ('DfE');
 - e. DETI;
 - f. any manufacturers and/or suppliers of biomass fuel;
 - g. any manufacturers, suppliers and/or installers of biomass heating plant;
 - h. representative and/or trade bodies in the energy sector (such as Biomass Energy Northern Ireland Limited);
 - i. any Northern Ireland political parties.

Involvement with the RHI Scheme

4. Explain in detail (identifying any relevant documents and any relevant UFU servants or agents) any direct or indirect involvement of UFU, its servants or agents, in the RHI Scheme or any aspect of it prior to its suspension in February 2016, including, in particular:
 - a. any involvement in the process leading to the creation of the RHI Scheme;
 - b. any involvement in the 2011 public consultation exercise concerning the proposed RHI Scheme;
 - c. any involvement with the consultants engaged by or on behalf of DETI in work relating to the proposed RHI Scheme;
 - d. any involvement in the 2013 public consultation exercise concerning the RHI Scheme;
 - e. any interactions with Civil Servants, Ministers, Special Advisers, MLAs, politicians, political parties, their respective servants or agents (including, in particular, DETI, the [then] Department of Finance and Personnel ['DFP'], Ofgem, Invest NI, and/or their respective servants and agents) regarding the RHI Scheme which are relevant to the matters which the RHI Inquiry is investigating as set out in the Inquiry's Terms of Reference, including, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing:
 - i. any communications with, or instances of lobbying or encouragement of, any of the above classes of person in relation to the terms of the RHI Scheme and/or the introduction, non-introduction, variation, or delay of the introduction of cost controls into the Scheme (including, but not limited to, the

amendment of tariffs, tiering, degression and Scheme suspension or closure);

- ii. any communications between UFU or any person on its behalf (including, in particular, Tom Forgrave and Chris Osborne) and any of the above classes of person (including, in particular, Seamus Hughes and/or Stuart Wightman in DETI) in which UFU sought and/or was provided with information concerning the likelihood of costs controls being introduced in the RHI Scheme and/or the nature, extent, and effective date of such controls (providing in respect of each such communication the name of the relevant servant or agent of UFU, the name of the relevant Civil Servant, politician, etc., the date of each communication, the mode of each communication, the place at which each communication occurred, if applicable, and the authorisation [if any] that each of the servant or agent of UFU and, if known, the other person had to engage in such communications);
- iii. any other instances of information passing between UFU, its servants or agents, and any of the above classes of person regarding, or of relevance to, the RHI Scheme, including, but not limited to, any instances of UFU providing reports, studies, analyses, briefing papers, or submissions concerning the Scheme to such persons.

Promotion of the RHI Scheme

5. Explain in detail (identifying any relevant documents and any relevant UFU servants or agents) UFU's involvement in the promotion of the RHI Scheme including, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, the following:
 - a. its involvement in promoting the Scheme by way of advertisements;
 - b. its involvement in promoting the Scheme by way of publications;

- c. its involvement in promoting the Scheme generally at seminars, road-shows, workshops, trade fairs, industry events, public events, or other such events or occasions; and
 - d. its involvement in promoting the Scheme to particular persons (e.g. to individual persons or businesses in the renewable heat sector, such as biomass heating plant suppliers, or to individual persons or businesses who might wish to use renewable heat systems).
6. Set out UFU's knowledge of the involvement of *persons other than UFU* (for example, major players in the agri-food industry in Northern Ireland) in the promotion of the RHI Scheme to persons connected with, or whose interests were represented by, UFU.

Information, Education or Advice re the RHI Scheme

7. Explain in detail (identifying any relevant documents and any relevant UFU servants or agents) UFU's involvement in providing information, education, and/or advice regarding the RHI Scheme including, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, the following:
 - a. its involvement in providing general information, education, and/or advice regarding the Scheme (e.g. by way of publications concerning the Scheme); and
 - b. its involvement in providing specific information, education, and/or advice regarding the Scheme (e.g. to a particular person to whom the Scheme may be of potential interest).
8. Set out UFU's knowledge of the involvement of *persons other than UFU* (for example, major players in the agri-food industry in Northern Ireland) in providing information, education, and/or advice regarding the RHI Scheme to persons connected with, or whose interests were represented by, UFU.

Assistance re the RHI Scheme

9. Explain in detail (identifying any relevant documents and any relevant UFU servants or agents) UFU's involvement in arranging, facilitating, securing or providing assistance (whether administrative, financial, or otherwise) for or to any person in relation to the RHI Scheme including, in particular:
 - a. details of any such assistance arranged, facilitated, secured or provided for / to any person who was involved in the renewable heat industry such as, for example, a manufacturer, supplier, installer, or repairer of biomass heating plant or a supplier of biomass fuel;
 - b. details of any such assistance arranged, facilitated, secured or provided for / to any person who did, or who intended to, apply for accreditation of one or more biomass heating installations under the RHI Scheme;
 - c. details of the terms upon which any such assistance was arranged, facilitated, secured or provided including details of the following:
 - i. the obligations (if any) imposed upon the assisted person in respect of UFU (such as the payment of money to UFU) both prior to, and following receipt of, any assistance;
 - ii. the rights (if any) conferred upon UFU in respect of the assisted person; and
 - iii. details of any information that passed between UFU and such assisted persons concerning the RHI Scheme that is relevant to the matters which the RHI Inquiry is investigating as set out in the Inquiry's Terms of Reference.

10. Set out UFU's knowledge of the involvement of *persons other than UFU* (for example, major players in the agri-food industry in Northern Ireland) in arranging, facilitating, securing or providing assistance (whether administrative, financial, or otherwise) in relation to the RHI Scheme for or to any persons connected with, or whose interests were represented by, UFU.

Costs Controls – Communication with Other Persons

11. Provide details (identifying any relevant documents and any relevant UFU servants or agents) of any communications between UFU or any person on its behalf (on the one side) and any of persons involved in the agri-food sector, persons involved in the renewable energy sector, actual RHI Scheme claimants, or potential RHI Scheme claimants (on the other side) in which UFU sought and/or was provided with and/or disseminated information concerning the likelihood of costs controls being introduced in the RHI Scheme and/or the nature, extent, and effective date of such controls (providing in respect of each such communication the name of the relevant servant of agent of UFU, the name of the relevant other person, the date of each communication, the mode of each communication, and the place at which each communication occurred, if applicable).

Rate of Return

12. Provide details of UFU's understanding of the level, or approximate level, of return (whether expressed as a percentage of capital investment in heating plant or otherwise):
 - a. that the RHI Scheme ought properly to have delivered in order to provide an appropriate level of incentive, particularly in respect of biomass heating plant;
 - b. that the RHI Scheme was intended to deliver to accredited installations, particularly in respect of biomass heating plant; and

- c. that the RHI Scheme did in fact deliver to accredited installations, particularly in respect of biomass heating plant.

If UFU's understanding has changed over time, please specify when, how, and for what reason(s) it has changed.

Timescales

13. Set out UFU's experience of the amount of time (in terms of days or weeks) that typically elapsed between:

- a. the date of biomass heating plant being ordered and its installation;
- b. the date of biomass heating plant being ordered and its commissioning into service;
- c. the date of biomass heating plant being ordered and its accreditation under the RHI Scheme;

(if, in UFU's experience, there was no typical time lapse in this regard, then please provide details of both the minimum and maximum periods experienced by UFU in respect of each of the foregoing subparagraphs).

Commercial Transactions and Earnings

14. Provide a breakdown, on a year-by-year basis, of the following:
 - a. the nature and number of commercial transactions (if any) engaged in by or on behalf of UFU connected to the RHI Scheme; and
 - b. all sums earned by UFU connected to the RHI Scheme including, if applicable, a description of each class of income.

15. Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing request, clarify whether UFU, either directly or indirectly, ever earned any tariff income from the RHI Scheme and, if it did so, provide details of each sum earned by it as well as details of when, how, and the terms under which it earned same.

RHI Scheme Issues and Warnings

16. In respect of the period prior to suspension of the RHI Scheme in February 2016, please identify any potential risks, flaws, problems, anomalies, loopholes, or other issues regarding the proposed RHI Scheme, or the RHI Scheme as enacted, which came to the attention of UFU, or any person acting on its behalf, setting out details of when they first became aware of each such issue and the actions (if any) taken by them as a result.
17. Without prejudice to the generality of the preceding paragraph, please specify when UFU first became aware that some subsidies payable under the RHI Scheme exceeded the cost of biomass fuel used to produce heat and/or the cost of producing heat (so that there may have been an incentive in some cases to produce heat merely to make profit from the Scheme), how UFU became so aware, and the actions (if any) taken by UFU in respect of such knowledge (such as, for example, communicating with DETI or Ofgem or with persons in the renewable energy sector).
18. Clarify whether, in or about July 2015 or at any material time, UFU warned DETI, Ofgem, their respective servants or agents, or any other person of a potential upward spike in the number of applications under the RHI Scheme and, if such a warning was provided, specify:
 - a. the terms of the warning;
 - b. the evidence or grounds which caused UFU to give the warning;
 - c. the date(s) upon which same was given;

- d. the place(s) at which same was given;
- e. the person(s) to whom same was given;
- f. the person(s) by whom same was given;
- g. the reaction (if any) of the recipient of the warning;
- h. any document(s) within which the warning was contained.

Breach of Standards etc.

19. In respect of the period prior to the suspension of the Scheme in February 2016, and to the extent that it has not already been covered when addressing the issues raised in the preceding paragraphs of this Schedule, please provide details of all dealings that UFU, or other persons connected to it, had with:

- a. Ministers, Special Advisers, Civil Servants, politicians, political parties, or their respective servants or agents;
- b. Ofgem, its servants or agents;
- c. persons *other than* Ofgem, Ministers, Special Advisers, Civil Servants, politicians, political parties, or their respective servants or agents

which are relevant to the matters that the RHI Inquiry is investigating as set out in the Inquiry's Terms of Reference.

20. Identify any instances of which UFU is aware where a Minister, Special Adviser, Civil Servant or any other person involved in the RHI Scheme (including, if applicable, UFU or any of its servants or agents):

- a. breached relevant standards (including, but not limited to, the Nolan Principles, the Ministerial Code of Conduct, the Civil Service Code of Conduct, the Code of Conduct for Special Advisers and/or terms or conditions of employment or service) or acted in a way incompatible with their duties; or
- b. acted in circumstances relating to or touching upon the Scheme in any way where they had a real or perceived conflict of interest;

in respect of any such instances, providing details and specifying the basis for any belief that there has been a breach of a relevant standard or duty or that a conflict of interest arose.

Whistle-blowing and raising of concerns

21. Identify any instances of which UFU is aware of whistle-blowing in relation to the RHI Scheme, or disclosures made in the public interest raising concerns about the Scheme, setting out details of when this occurred, to whom and by whom any relevant disclosure was made, and how any relevant person or body dealt with it.
22. In particular, provide an account of how UFU dealt with any disclosures raising concerns about the RHI Scheme made or communicated to it at any time. In relation to each such instance, identify precisely how the concerns were communicated to UFU.

General

23. Clarify whether UFU has caused or permitted any audit, survey, analysis or other similar exercise to be performed in respect of the RHI Scheme that would allow UFU to form a reliable conclusion regarding whether or not there has been widespread abuse of the Scheme, particularly among those connected with, or whose interests are represented by, UFU.

24. If UFU has caused or permitted such an exercise to be performed, please provide full details of same including the precise nature of the exercise, the number of claimants audited, surveyed, analysed, etc., the number of installations inspected, the period between which the exercise was carried out, and the outcome of the exercise (identifying any relevant documents).

25. Provide any further evidence within your knowledge or belief that is relevant to the matters which the RHI Inquiry is investigating as set out in the RHI Inquiry's Terms of Reference.

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.

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RHI REF: Notice 262 of 2017

Witness Statement of: WESLEY DAVID ASTON

DATE: 14 June 2017

I, Wesley Aston, will say as follows: -

Background:

- 1 (a) Founded in 1918, the Ulster Farmers' Union (UFU) is the largest democratic voluntary organisation representing farmers and growers in Northern Ireland. Its central objective is to promote their interests both at home and abroad through professional lobbying.

See attached staff organisation list and policy structure diagram.

- (b) Presidents: Graham Furey (2008 – 2010)
John Thompson (2010 – 2012)
Harry Sinclair (2012 – 2014)
Ian Marshall (2014 – 2016)
Barclay Bell (2016 – current)

Deputy President: Ivor Ferguson (2014 – current)

Chief Executive: Clarke Black (2002 – 2015)

Chief Executive (from May 2015) } Wesley Aston
Policy Director (to May 2015) }

Senior Policy Officer (responsible for Rural Enterprise): Chris Osborne (2009 – current)

Policy Officer (responsible for Poultry): Colin Smith (2009 – 2012)
Caroline Buick (2012 – 2014)
Roger Allen (2014 – 2015)
Geoff Thompson (2015 – current)

Rural Enterprise Committee: – Chairperson Michael Harnett (2009 – 2010)
David McIlrea (2010 – 2012)
Gary Hawkes (2012 – current)

-Vice Chairperson David McIlrea (2009 – 2010)
John McLenaghan (2010 - 2011)
Gary Hawkes (2011 - 2012)
Robert Burgess (2012 – current)

Poultry Committee: - Chairperson John McLenaghan (2009 – 2012)
Roy Campbell (2012 – 2015)
Thomas Forgrave (2015 – 2017)
Martyn Blair (2017 - current)

- Vice Chairperson Reginald Abernethy (2009 – 2010)
Roy Campbell (2010 – 2012)
John McLenaghan (2012 – 2014)
Thomas Forgrave (2014 – 2015)

Statement of Truth

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

Signed: W. D. Aston Dated: 14 June 2017

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Martyn Blair (2015 - 2016)
Ronald Wells (2016 - current)

- (c) See attached 'Renewable Heat Incentive Inquiry' Files 2 – 5
 - (d) No specific additional knowledge/expertise beyond policy experience outlined in attached 'Renewable Heat Incentive Inquiry' File 1.
- 2 (a) Tom Forgrave – UFU Poultry Committee Chairman (2015 – 2017)
- (b) Chris Osborne – UFU Senior Policy Officer with responsibility for: Rural Enterprise; and Dairy
 - (c) Harry Sinclair – UFU Past President (2012 – 2014)
 - (d) John Gilliland – UFU Past President (2002 – 2004)
 - (e) Andrew Crawford – UFU Policy Officer with responsibility for: Beef and Lamb; Hill Farming; Animal Health; and Rural Enterprise (2002 – 2004)
- Special Advisor to MEP – Jim Allister
Special Advisor – Department of the Environment
- Department of Enterprise, Trade and Industry
 - Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (now DAERA)
- (f) Ian Marshall – UFU Past President (2014 – 2016)
 - (g) Barclay Bell – Current President (from May 2016)
 - (h) Joy Rollston – Rural Affairs Committee Chairperson (2016 - current)
- Current UFU Board Member (from May 2015)
- 3 (a) Other stakeholder with no direct connection(s)
- (b) UFU involved in initial formation of RHANI but no subsequent direct connection(s). See attached 'Renewable Heat Incentive Inquiry' File 1.
 - (c) Other stakeholder with no direct connection(s)
 - (d) Other stakeholder with no direct connection(s)
 - (e) Other stakeholder with no direct connection(s)
 - (f) Other stakeholder with no direct connection(s)
 - (g) Other stakeholder with no direct connection(s)
 - (h) Other stakeholder with no direct connection(s)
 - (i) Other stakeholder with no direct connection(s)

Involvement with the RHI Scheme:

- 4 (a) to (e) (iii) UFU involvement in RHI Scheme from DETI's Renewable Heat Oversight Group (January 2010) up to suspension of Scheme (February 2016)
- See attached 'Renewable Heat Incentive Inquiry' File 1 for associated documentation/specific detail.

Promotion of the RHI Scheme:

- 5 (a) to (d) See attached 'Renewable Heat Incentive Inquiry' File 1 for associated documentation/specific detail.

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- 6 · Moy Park
- Action Renewables
- CAFRE/DARD/DETI
- Carbon Trust
- Bryson Energy (Domestic only)

Information, Education or Advice re the RHI Scheme:

7 (a) to (b) See attached 'Renewable Heat Incentive Inquiry' File 1 for associated documentation/specific detail.

- 8 · Moy Park
- Action Renewables
- CAFRE/DARD/DETI
- Rural Generation Renewable Solutions
- Element Energy Limited
- Ulster University
- Tughans
- Carbon Trust
- Power NI
- South West College
- Bryson Energy (Domestic only)

Assistance to the RHI Scheme:

9 (a) to (c)iii No specific/individual assistance provided other than taking a generic position. See attached 'Renewable Heat Incentive Inquiry' File 1 for associated documentation/specific detail.

- 10 · Moy Park
- Action Renewables

Cost Controls – Communication with Other Persons:

11 See attached 'Renewable Heat Incentive Inquiry' File 1 for associated documentation/specific detail.

Rate of Return:

12 (a) to (c) See attached 'Renewable Heat Incentive Inquiry' File 1 for associated documentation/specific detail.

Timescales:

13 (a) to (c) See attached 'Renewable Heat Incentive Inquiry' File 1 for associated documentation/specific detail.

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Commercial Transactions and Earnings:

14 (a) to (b) None

15 None

RHI Scheme Issues and Warnings:

16 See attached 'Renewable Heat Incentive Inquiry' File 1 for associated documentation/specific detail.

17 See attached 'Renewable Heat Incentive Inquiry' File 1 for associated documentation/specific detail.

18 (a) to (h) See attached 'Renewable Heat Incentive Inquiry' File 1 for associated documentation/specific detail.

Breach of Standards etc:

19 (a) to (c) See attached 'Renewable Heat Incentive Inquiry' File 1 for associated documentation/specific detail.

20 (a) to (b) None

Whistle-blowing and raising of concerns:

21 None

22 None

General:

23 None

24 None

25 None

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