

Stormont Castle **BELFAST**



Michael Potter Committee for TEO **Room 412 Parliament Buildings Ballymiscaw Stormont BELFAST BT4 3SR**

26 May 2021

Dear Michael

Thank you for your letter dated 15 April 2021 regarding the Committee's request about how the commitments detailed in Article 2 of the Protocol on Ireland/ Northern Ireland are to be monitored by the Executive.

Article 2 will require each department with relevant policy responsibility to ensure compliance with the provision.

NIO officials recently engaged TEO officials regarding information flows in respect of potential EU developments that may have relevance for Article 2. This work has only recently commenced.

EPCU is putting in place a legislation tracking system to monitor EU legislation under the Protocol and will advise lead Departments of changes planned. This legislation will include those listed in Annex 1 to the Protocol

In addition, TEO officials have engaged with the DM in respect of training and awareness raising for NICS. This work is still at a relatively early stage and is currently not resourced within TEO.

Yours sincerely

[signed]



Committee for the Executive Office



15 April 2021

Dear David,

ARTICLE 2 OF THE PROTOCOL ON IRELAND/ NORTHERN IRELAND

At its meeting on 14 April 2021, the Committee for the Executive Office received an oral briefing from the Equality Commission for Northern Ireland, Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission and the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission on Article 2 of the Ireland/ Northern Ireland Protocol and the dedicated mechanism.

The Committee agreed that I write to you to request how the commitments detailed in Article 2 of the Protocol on Ireland/ Northern Ireland are to be monitored by the Executive.

I would appreciate a response by 29 April 2021.

Yours sincerely

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