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Subject: RE: REPORT: NI Audit Office Report: Broadband Investment in Northern Ireland

Dear Mr Humphrey, I refer to our correspondence below, in which we had previously written to the members of the Public Accounts Committee on the 'Broadband Investment in NI' report.

Our organisation's research on the subject was the starting point for the Northern Ireland Audit Office investigation. We welcome that the Committee is now examining the report and we would encourage you to pursue its recommendations in the public interest. These include questions and issues around value for money, proof of BT's capital contribution, and very significantly that an identified £14m should now be clawed back from BT to government funds, funds we would argue must be used for broadband investment in rural areas as was originally intended.

I have also copied in your party colleagues on the Board of ICBAN.

Kind regards,

Shane Campbell

ICBAN CEO

From: Shane Campbell

Sent: 17 June 2021 11:14

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Subject: REPORT: NI Audit Office Report: Broadband Investment in Northern Ireland

Importance: High

Dear Mr Humphrey

FAO: Stormont Public Accounts Committee

An important report has been released this morning by the NI Comptroller and Auditor General on 'Broadband Investment in Northern Ireland'.

Our organisation's research on the subject was the starting point for the NIAO investigation. I am therefore writing to you and other members of the PAC to ask if you can bring this important NIAO report to the attention of the Public Accounts Committee meeting scheduled for later today, and ask the Committee to consider the report and pursue its recommendations in the public interest. These include questions and issues around value for money, proof of BT's capital contribution, and very significantly that an identified £14m should now be clawed back from BT to government funds, funds we would argue must be used for broadband investment in rural areas as was originally intended.

I have attached a copy of the media release by NI Audit Office here, along with our own (ICBAN's) media comment, which help succinctly state the key issues arising. Additionally, a briefing video on the report is available to view at: <https://youtu.be/90X8qTHbHXg>

The coverage today already includes from BBC NI, Irish News and Belfast Telegraph <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-57498629>

Kind Regards

Shane