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Dear Mr Monaghan,

The Public Accounts Committee are currently undertaking an Inquiry into Broadband Investment in NI. On Thursday 20 January 2022 the Committee heard evidence from representatives from the Department for the Economy and DCMS.

According to witnesses at the evidence session, premises are deemed eligible for inclusion in the Broadband Investment project based on the LPS Rates database. Department for the Economy representatives raised some concerns about the accuracy of this database.

Please provide explanation for the following:

- Why approximately 6000 premises are not on the LPS database;
- What impact this has on rate payers;
- The categories of premises not held on the database;
- What can be done going forward to improve accuracy of data held by LPS.

I look forward to receiving your response by **Friday, 4 February 2022**.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "William J. Humphrey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping final flourish.

**William Humphrey**  
**Chairperson**  
**Public Accounts Committee**