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Dear Lucia,

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE EVIDENCE SESSION ON THE NORTHERN IRELAND AUDIT OFFICE'S REPORT ON MANAGING LEGAL AID

I refer to Maura Campbell's letter to Mr Swann, your Committee Chair, dated 30 September 2016 which was copied to Ronnie Armour, Chief Executive of the Northern Ireland Courts and Tribunals Service (NICTS). Maura's letter enclosed a copy of the Taxing Master's response to the questions raised in your correspondence dated 19 September 2016.

Ronnie Armour has noted that Paragraph 5 of the Master's response indicates that if required statistical data should be requested from NICTS. He has therefore asked me to write to confirm that he will provide the information you originally requested but has advised that it will take a few days before he is in a position to do so.

I trust that this is helpful and will help to short circuit the process and avoid the Committee Chair having to write separately to NICTS requesting this statistical data.

I will follow up with you in the coming days and provide the relevant information.

TIM LOGAN
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