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Dear Claire,

The Northern Ireland Public Services Ombudsperson (NIPSO) Bill

I wish to thank you for your letter dated 12 May 2015 requesting written evidence from the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) regarding its views on the proposed Northern Ireland Public Service Ombudsperson (NIPSO) Bill.

The PAC discussed this matter at its meeting on 20 May 2015 and agreed that the proposed Bill was positive. In particular, the Committee welcomes the provision for the Comptroller & Auditor General and the Northern Ireland Audit Office to be placed under the remit of proposed new Office of the Ombudsperson.

Yours sincerely,

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Chairperson
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