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Dear Stella

**QUERY FROM THE COMMITTEE FOR AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
ON ITS INQUIRY INTO BETTER REGULATION**

1. The ARD Committee will no doubt be aware that the DETI Minister, on behalf of the Executive, commissioned a Review of Business Red Tape, which published its report in November 2014. This report was circulated to Ministerial colleagues and copied to the ETI Committee. It is available through the [better regulation pages on the DETI website](#).
2. DETI is currently chairing an inter-departmental group of senior officials to consider the recommendations from this report and to prepare a proposed draft Executive response which will incorporate a series of actions for regulatory reform in NI.
3. This response will be shared with the ETI Committee at a later date, who will be asked to share with the ARD Committee as a contribution to your enquiry.
4. The DETI Minister has cleared this response and I am copying to the Clerk of the ETI Committee for information.

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