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Dear Stella

COMMITTEE MEETING 1 DECEMBER 2015 – RURAL NEEDS BILL

Further to my earlier letter today, please see further clarification below on the role of the Northern Ireland Audit Office (NIAO) in relation to the duties imposed on local government once the Bill is enacted.

Role of NIAO

The NIAO has advised that its local government audit work is underpinned in statute specifically referring to the Local Government Auditor and would not extend to a monitoring or reporting role for legislation such as this. It further advised that where there is a role proposed for the Local Government Auditor, there would need to be consultation with her prior to establishing any such reference within legislation.

I should be grateful if you would bring this letter to the attention of the Committee

Yours sincerely

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