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APPEALS TO THE CHARITY TRIBUNAL

Thank you for your letter of 18 November.

As you know, extending the timeframe more generally for all appeals to the Charity Tribunal is a matter for the Department of Justice. My officials have reported to Committee that, whilst I support the proposal in principle, I also understand that concerns have been expressed by the Department of Justice and I would support the need for full policy consideration to be undertaken together with a public consultation on such changes. You are aware that I have instructed my officials to engage with their counterparts in Justice in an effort to progress this work, and I have written to the Minister for Justice to ask that this work is prioritised. As you have requested, my officials will update you on any developments as they arise.

I trust this is helpful.

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**Deirdre Hargey MLA
Minister for Communities**