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Dear Marie

EU Structural Funds

Thank you for your letter of 17th December requesting a breakdown of all the EU funding NI currently receives as well as an indication of the losses that are likely to be incurred as a result of the UK's exit from the EU.

Please find attached a table at Annex A, which sets out our current assessment of the funding which will be required in financial year 2021-2022 in order to replace funding that we previously derived from EU sources.

It is not possible at this time to assess any losses as replacements for many of these funds are still under discussion and may operate differently to the EU funds they are replacing. For example, the recent announcement that the UK would continue to participate in the EU's HORIZON programme on bespoke terms which have not yet been revealed and the Shared Prosperity Fund which will not have a full spending profile until the next UK Spending Review.

Further complication arises from the necessity of converting from an EU budget which is calculated on the basis of a calendar year to a domestic budget calculated on a financial year and from accounting for the spending profile of EU funds which operate on multiyear budgets.

The Department of Finance is working with other Executive departments to deliver on the Executive's position on replacement funding, seeking at least full replacement of EU funds as well as the freedom to deliver them in line with our local priorities.

Please note this response has been copied to the Finance Committee.

Yours sincerely,



DEPARTMENTAL ASSEMBLY LIAISON OFFICER

Annex A – Replacement EU Funding Required for FY 2021-2022

Programme	£ million
Farm Funding:	
CAP Pillar 1	293.0
CAP Pillar 2	29.0
CMO	8.0
Farm Funding Total	330.0
Structural Funds	69.2
EMFF	3.0
Competitive Programmes:	
CEF	55.6
Horizon Europe	17.0
Erasmus	8.0
Health	0.1
COSME	0.2
Competitive Programmes Total	80.9
Total	483.1



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Dear [REDACTED],

EU STRUCTURAL FUNDS

At its meeting on 16 December 2020, the Committee for the Executive Office received oral evidence from Executive Office officials on the latest Brexit developments.

During the oral evidence session concerns were raised around the UK no longer having access to EU Structural Funds at the end of the transition period and the implications for Northern Ireland.

Given that the Department of Finance is the lead department in the area of EU funding, the Committee agreed that I write to you to request a detailed breakdown of all the EU funding Northern Ireland currently receives and an indication of losses that are likely to be incurred as a result of the UK's exit from the European Union.

I would appreciate a response at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely

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