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**Dear Peter** 

## Financial Reporting (Departments and Public Bodies) Bill

Thank you for your letter of 25 June 2021 to the Chief Executive of the Youth Council for Northern Ireland (YCNI), seeking views on the Financial Reporting (Department and Public Bodies) Bill.

The YCNI has been non-operational since the Board appointments ended on 31 March 2019. A response on the Financial Reporting (Department and Public Bodies) Bill cannot therefore be provided at this time.

You may wish to note that following the return of Executive Ministers in January 2020, the DE Minister requested a survey of the youth sector to inform his decision on the need for and, if appropriate, future role of the YCNI. The survey was delayed to January 2021 due to the closure of youth work settings and diversion of DE resources to manage the impact of the pandemic.

Analysis of the results of the survey are nearing completion and the role of the YCNI will be determined in the coming months.

I trust you find this helpful.

Yours sincerely

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