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Permanent Secretary  
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Dear Ms Gray,

Re: Functioning of Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill

I am in receipt of the Department's clause by clause written commentary to the Finance Committee on my Bill, which I have found useful and informative.

Whereas the policy issues are for the Committee and ultimately the Assembly, there are several presentational and terminology issues raised which I'd like to explore further. I have always made it clear I am open to amendments which accurately secure the policy objectives and improve the Bill's efficiency.

Thus, matters such as dealing with perceived unintended consequences, more appropriate terminology and better understanding departmental electronic communication systems are all things I'd like to explore further with the department.

Accordingly, I am more than happy to meet with the relevant officials either before or after the department presents to the Committee, or both.

Please advise as to which would best suit the department.

Yours sincerely,

Jim Allister MLA