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Dear Mr Humphrey

**PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE EVIDENCE SESSION – NIAO REPORT ON  
SPEEDING UP JUSTICE: AVOIDABLE DELAY IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
SYSTEM**

Thank you for your letter of 30 March 2021 regarding the scheduling of the Committee's inquiry into the NI Audit Office (NIAO) report 'Speeding up justice: avoidable delay in the criminal justice system'.

I can confirm that I plan to attend the Senate Chamber in person for the inquiry on 20<sup>th</sup> May. I will be accompanied by Anthony Harbinson, Deputy Secretary, Access to Justice and Director of the Northern Ireland Courts and Tribunals Service. Glyn Capper, Head of Justice Performance in the Department of Justice and Peter Luney, who is currently Chief Operating Officer for NI Courts and Tribunals Service will attend the session remotely.

To assist the Committee short biographies and pictures of each witness have been provided as an **Annex A**.

Yours sincerely

## Annex A

### Witness biographies

#### **Peter May - Permanent Secretary, Department of Justice**



As Permanent Secretary, Peter chairs the Departmental Board and is a member of the NICS Board. He is also the principal policy advisor to the Minister for Justice and the Department's Accounting Officer, responsible for all DoJ expenditure. Peter is also one of the NICS' two Diversity Champions.

#### **Anthony Harbinson – Deputy Secretary, Access to Justice and Director of the Northern Ireland Courts and Tribunals Service**



A qualified accountant, Anthony has spent his Civil Service career working in the administration of justice. Before taking up his current role he spent six years as Director of Safer Communities, responsible for the resourcing, policy and legislative framework for policing and community safety within Northern Ireland, and three years as Director of Justice Delivery, responsible for the all central services functions and oversight of the Forensic Science Agency, State Pathology and the Compensation Agency. He also spent three years as Director of Resources for the Northern Ireland Office and five years as Senior Assistant Director of Public Prosecutions designing and implementing the new Public Prosecution Service for Northern Ireland. Before joining Civil Service he worked within the Northern Ireland Health and Personal Social Services for 15 years in a range Director Post's covering areas such as Finance, Planning, HR, ICT, Estates and Contracting, in a range of various health bodies, including the Ambulance Service, Primary Care and Acute Hospital Trusts.

**Glyn Capper – Head of Justice Performance, Department of Justice**



Glyn is currently Head of Justice Performance in the Department of Justice which involves leading work to improve the speed of the justice system, rolling out Problem Solving Justice, developing a digital justice strategy and leading a programme of work to recovery the justice system from the impacts of COVID-19. He was previously the

Department's Deputy Director, Finance. Glyn is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland. Before his career in the Civil Service, he worked in PricewaterhouseCoopers, providing assurance and business advisory services to a range of local and international clients.

**Peter Luney – Chief Operating Officer – NI Courts and Tribunals Service (NICTS)**



As Chief Operating Officer for the Courts and Tribunals Service Peter had responsibility for the administration of all the courts and a number of tribunals across Northern Ireland with a staff of approximately 700. He was a member of the NICTS Board and served as Victims' Champion for NICTS. Peter has recently transferred to The Executive Office (from May 2021).

