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Dear Ciara,

At the Committee meeting on 10 December 2015, officials agreed to provide the Committee with information on the number of “high level” sentences (financial or otherwise) imposed as a result of waste environmental offences.

From 24 September 2012 to 26 November 2015, there have been 12 successful prosecutions resulting in prison sentences. One was for 6 months suspended for 12 months, one for 18 months (with nine months served and the remaining nine months spent while released on licence) and there were ten sentences of 6-18 months (all suspended for 2 years). There have been no sentences attracting the maximum financial fine of £50k. However, in the same period there have also been 6 Confiscation Orders made ranging from £50k to £500k, totalling £1.3m.

I trust this information is of assistance, should you require anything further please contact me directly.

Yours sincerely,

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[by e-mail]