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**Dear Shane,**

Thank you for your letter of 14 June 2013, which set out the Committee's request for an explanation as to why the Department was "unable to secure the necessary consents within the required timescale" in respect of the proposed legislative consent motion for what was the Defamation Bill.

Executive business is handled on a confidential basis and, accordingly, the Department is unable to comment further on the matter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Judith Finlay".

**JUDITH FINLAY**  
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