



Northern Ireland  
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Dear Sammy

**NICS Equal Pay Settlement**

At its meeting on 5 October 2011, the Committee for Finance and Personnel noted your correspondence of 30 September regarding the NICS equal pay settlement. The Committee also considered the attached correspondence from the Public Accounts Committee regarding NICS Accountability Arrangements, which includes correspondence from Sir Bruce Robinson, former Head of the NICS.

The Committee agreed to draw paragraph 2 of Sir Bruce's letter to your attention, as it states that seconded civil servants remain subject to NICS terms and conditions of service, including in relation to pay. Members consider that this does not appear to be the position that has been adopted in respect of the equal pay settlement for those seconded to other public bodies.

The Committee also requested clarification on the total amount of money set aside for the equal pay settlement, and confirmation of how much of this has been spent to date.

Yours sincerely

**Conor Murphy MP MLA**  
**Chairperson**

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**Cathaoirleach**