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**Dear Shane,**

Members of the Committee agreed to write to the Department to ask for clarification on whether powers to access Harbour Commissioners reserves will be provided for in the Financial Provisions Bill and if not, why not.

The query was redirected to the responsible department and the officials from the Department of Regional Development have responded as follows:-

When the Budget 2011-15 was agreed by the Executive there was agreement that Belfast Harbour Commissioners should make a contribution towards improving the infrastructure network. The detail on delivering this was delegated to the Budget Review Group.

The Budget Review Group agreed that the Department for Regional Development should focus on working collaboratively with the Belfast Harbour Commissioners on release of value projects. Following a meeting of the Budget Review Group on 27 September and between representatives of that Group and the Harbour Commissioners on 11 October it was agreed that the Commissioners would take forward, from within their resources, proposals for investment in Foreign Direct Investment accommodation in 2013/14 and consider other suitable projects in future years.

Yours sincerely,



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