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I apologise for the delay in making contact with the committee but the Talks process and some other matters intervened.

By way of tidying up from my evidence session I had already passed to the committee the documents I referred to during testimony.

I indicated during the question period that I had a vague recollection that I had attended an event at Millmount long before the NAMA controversy arose. I thought I had opened a show-house. I have checked for the sake of accuracy and can confirm I attended an event in 2009 but it only involved a photograph on the site.

I was also asked if I had met with any other companies at about the same time as I had met PIMCO where the NAMA portfolio was discussed. I had said I could only think of one such company but wanted to check before mentioning its name. I can confirm meeting with Credit Suisse over dinner but having spoken to both Sammy Wilson and Simon Hamilton who were present, the discussion at the event was more general in nature covering international finance, RBS/Ulster Bank issues as well as NAMA and other matters.

In the context of meeting potential investors I was also asked if I had met with Fortress. I said as far as I was aware I had not. My Special Advisor has checked this latter point with Fortress and I can confirm the accuracy of my answer.

I did establish that several years earlier Sammy Wilson and I met (at the request of Frank Cushnahan) a US company interested in some elements of the portfolio. Either the

Company or its representative was called Swartz. This was also over dinner but was long before the events the committee is considering. I think this may well be one of the investors that the deputy First Minister referred to in the Assembly back in 2011.

Sammy Wilson has a faint recollection of there being a meeting with one other company during which the subject of NAMA was one of the issues discussed but I have absolutely no recollection of the event.

As it is an integral part of my role as First Minister to meet and encourage companies to invest in Northern Ireland you will appreciate I have met hundreds of companies over the years. These are the ones I can recall meeting where the NAMA assets were discussed but I am eager to assist the committee on these matters and can check if there are any other companies you think may have discussed the issue.

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