



**Northern Ireland  
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**COMMITTEE FOR FINANCE AND PERSONNEL**

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Dear Professor O'Flaherty

**Marriage (Same Sex Couples) Bill**

At its meeting on 10 April 2013, the Committee for Finance and Personnel considered the attached response from the Department of Finance and Personnel to queries raised in respect of the Marriage (Same Sex Couples) Bill, which is currently passing through its parliamentary stages at Westminster. The Committee agreed to copy the correspondence to NIHRC for your views on the points made by the Department.

I would be grateful for a response by 25 April 2013.

Yours sincerely

*Shane McAteer*

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