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*Dear Sammie,*

During Assembly Questions on Monday 11 May 2015 my predecessor, Arlene Foster MLA undertook to write to Invest NI to ascertain what response or progress there has been in East Belfast through jobs created by the Jobs Fund. As the new Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment, I am writing this letter to outline the progress made through the Jobs Fund, as well as information on other job creation activities in the constituency.

Invest NI releases information at sub-regional level following each financial year end. Unfortunately figures are not currently available for 2014-15; it is anticipated that these will be released by mid June. I have however, included figures for the 2011-12 to 2013-14 period.

The Jobs Fund scheme commenced on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011. The number of jobs created in the East Belfast constituency in each financial year through the scheme is as follows:

- 2011/12 – 84
- 2012/13 – 79
- 2013/14 – 68

Invest NI has a number of other employment related schemes in addition to the Jobs Fund, which also created jobs in the East Belfast constituency in each year as follows:

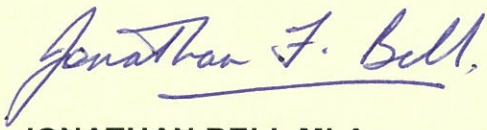
- 2011/12 – 501
- 2012/13 – 633
- 2013/14 – 779

In total, Invest NI supported projects have created the following number of jobs in the constituency over the 3 year period:

- 2011/12 – 585
- 2012/13 – 712
- 2013/14 – 847

I will arrange for a copy of this letter to be sent to the Speaker's Office and a copy to be placed in the Assembly Library.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jonathan F. Bell," with a horizontal line underneath the name.

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