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Dear Margaret,

At its meeting of 30 June 2011, the Committee for Social Development agreed the following request for information on the Green New Deal in Northern Ireland. This request arose from a meeting between the Deputy Chairperson, two Members of the Committee and senior representatives of the Federation of Master Builders (FMB) on 23 June 2011.

- What funding has been allocated over the financial years 2011/12 to 2014/15 to Green New Deal? – the FMB quoted a figure of £16 million which has been reduced to £12 million. Also, mention was made of the Green New Deal pilot project and the bid of £600k in June Monitoring which was unsuccessful – what is the position with this project?
- Clarification on what the Green New Deal strategy may/will be in Northern Ireland in comparison with the model adopted in England. The subject of accreditation of contractors here was raised and clarification on any plans on this would be useful.

I would be grateful if you could provide this information at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely

John Simmons
Clerk, Committee for Social Development