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Pensions Bill

I attach, on an in-confidence basis, a copy of the draft Pensions Bill and Explanatory and Financial Memorandum. I understand my officials have already briefed the Committee both in the context of the corresponding Westminster Bill and more recently in relation to the outcome of the consultation on the Equality Impact Assessment.

I understand that my officials are scheduled to brief the Committee on 6 November 2014.

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Dear Sir

Proposed Northern Ireland Pensions Bill – Committee Briefing

On 27 June 2013, the Committee were briefed on the content of a Westminster Pensions Bill proposing reforms to the State Pension, private pensions and Bereavement Benefits. The Bill received Royal Assent on 14 May 2014 (the Pensions Act 2014). The Executive approved the introduction of a corresponding Northern Ireland Bill today. Subject to the Speaker's agreement, it is anticipated that the Bill will be introduced in the Assembly on 10 November 2014. Committee briefing has been scheduled for 6 November 2014. A copy of the draft Bill and background briefing are attached.

Yours faithfully



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