

Further to NILGOS circular 13/2014 and with apologies for the late submission, Antrim Borough Council's response is as follows:

- (a) whilst the council welcomes the simplification of national insurance contributions and the state pension system, there is, however, no compensatory provision for employers and hence the ratepayer for this additional tax burden
- (b) the council would welcome reassurance that the Assembly will take similar steps to those of the HM treasury in England and Wales to re-cycle the extra National Insurance Contributions received back into public sector funding
- (c) concern at the potential impact on the private sector, particularly small to medium sized businesses.

If you require any further information please contact me.

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