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Dear Neil

MEMORANDUM OF REPLY: MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS – FOLLOW-UP REPORT

At yesterday's meeting the Committee noted that the department is awaiting clearance of the MOR on Major Capital Projects – Follow-up Report, at Ministerial and Executive level before it can be laid in the Assembly.

Members would like to express their deep concern and frustration that the delivery of the MOR has now well exceeded the eight weeks set out in *Guidance on NI Public Audit Process, including PAC Scrutiny of Public Spending*.

There has been minimal information regarding this delay. Members are particularly concerned at this delay in the mouth of recess which is frustrating the Committee's ability to carry out effective scrutiny.

Members would like an **urgent explanation** of the reasons for this delay and have convened an additional meeting on **3 July 2025** in order to consider your response and the reasons for this delay.

I would be grateful for your response including a full explanation of the reasons for this delay and an outline of the timelines for clearance relating to this MOR by **Wednesday 2 July 2025**.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Daniel McCrossan', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Daniel McCrossan
Chairperson
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