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Via email – committee.publicaccounts@niassembly.gov.uk

Dear Daniel

**PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE EVIDENCE SESSION: PUBLIC
PROCUREMENT IN NORTHERN IRELAND**

I wrote to you on 25 March confirming my attendance and that of Sharon Smyth to the Committee's meeting on Thursday 9 May 2024, at 2.15pm in Room 21, Parliament Buildings to explore the issues raised in the NIAO Report on 'Public Procurement in Northern Ireland.' I note the date has been pushed back a week to 16 May.

I would just like to highlight that I will also be accompanied by an additional supporting official on the day as below:

- Michael Watson, Director, Construction and Procurement Delivery, DoF

I have attached a short biography for Michael together with contact details at Annex A.

Yours sincerely



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**MICHAEL WATSON
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Michael has worked in various roles in public procurement for over 34 years.

He is currently the Director of Procurement Policy Division in Construction and Procurement Delivery (CPD) from July 2021.

Procurement Policy Division supports the Procurement Board in the development of Policy and best practice guidance for the NI public sector. The Division also works closely with officials at the Cabinet Office, Scotland and Wales on procurement policy and legislation.

Michael is Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply.

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