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Dear Neil,

Public Accounts Committee: Inquiry into Public Procurement in Northern Ireland

Thank you for attending the Public Accounts Committee on the 23 May 2024. The Committee found your briefing extremely interesting, insightful and beneficial in our ongoing inquiry.

Further to the information that you provided to the Committee, the Committee would be very grateful if you could provide further details on the following matters:

- Your updated report on Prompt Payments (when available) and your follow-up submission to the Committee, which you referred to during the evidence session;
- the number of cases in which legal penalties were invoked by suppliers and the time frame over which they incurred; and
- the percentage of late payments that were responsible for insolvencies in Northern Ireland, as opposed to the UK as a whole, which you quoted was 23%.

If possible, I would be grateful if you were able to provide a response by 14th June.

Yours sincerely,

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

Daniel McCrossan
Chairperson
Public Accounts Committee