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Dear Neil,

MEMORANDUM OF REPLY: PUBLIC PROCUREMENT IN NORTHERN IRELAND

At its meeting on 8 May 2025, the Committee reviewed the Memorandum of Reply (MOR) dated 12 February 2025 outlining your department's response around the recommendations contained within the Committee's report.

The Committee noted your response at yesterday's meeting and would like to request a further update on the following:

- An update on Recommendation 1 which had a target implementation date of 31 March 2025.
- An update on anticipated implementation of those recommendations contingent on Recommendation 1, namely Recommendations 2, 3, 7 and 8, including details of the timeline for the establishment of the Task and Finish Group and work to evaluate the impact of current CoPE structures in respect of Recommendation 2.
- Members note a target implementation date against Recommendation

11 of 31 December 2026, what progress has been made against this recommendation to date?

The Committee has also requested a further update on all other recommendations in 12 months' time.

Yours sincerely,

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

Daniel McCrossan
Chairperson
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