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Dear Neil

**MEMORANDUM OF REPLY UPDATE: PUBLIC PROCUREMENT IN NI**

At its meeting on 19 January 2026, the Committee considered the Department's update on the Memorandum of Reply on the PAC report on 'Public Procurement in Northern Ireland' dated 2 February 2026.

Members acknowledge the work undertaken to strengthen procurement strategy, governance and oversight arrangements. However, the Committee would welcome clarification on how the Department is measuring the impact of these reforms in practice. In particular, it would be helpful to understand whether any efficiency savings or improvements in value for money can already be evidenced, and how such outcomes are being assessed.

The Committee would also appreciate a further consolidated update in six months' time, outlining progress on those not yet fully implemented.

The Committee looks forward to your response.

Please respond by email using the address above by **Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> March 2026**.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Daniel McCrossan', with a horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**Daniel McCrossan**  
**Chairperson**  
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