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*Dear Claire,*

**NORTHERN IRELAND PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSPERSON (NIPSO)  
BILL**

Thank you for your letter of 12 May 2015 in relation to the above.

The Department is content that the Bill contains provisions relating to the combination of the functions of the Northern Ireland Judicial Appointments Ombudsman (NIJAO), for which we are responsible, with those of the proposed new Northern Ireland Public Services Ombudsperson (NIPSO).

We also understand that the Chair of the Committee for the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister intends to propose amendments to these provisions in relation to the funding of the NIJAO function and the termination of the current incumbency. The Department is also content with these amendments.

*Tim Logan*

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