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Dear Janice

BRIEFING: PRIVATE TENANCIES BILL (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2021

Departmental officials will brief the Committee on 1 July 2021 on the proposals for a Private Tenancies Bill.

The key aim of this new Bill is to better protect tenants living in the Private Rented Sector by ensuring that landlords and agents meet government regulations about the quality and safety of all Private Rented Sector accommodation.

The policy proposals emanating from a review of the role and regulation of the PRS in 2017 were approved at the Executive meeting on 13 May 2021.

A draft of the Bill at **Appendix 2** and a copy of the Explanatory and Financial Memorandum at **Appendix 4**.

It is hoped, subject to Executive approval, to introduce the Bill before the summer recess. An outline summary of the legislative proposals **Appendix 3** are attached for the Committee's information ahead of the oral briefing.

It is expected that the following officials will attend the briefing:

David Polley	Director - Housing Policy and Performance
Kieran Devlin	Deputy Director - Housing Policy and Performance

Eilish O'Neill Policy Lead - Private Rented Branch
Conrad Murphy Policy Lead - Private Rented Branch

I would be grateful if you would please bring this to the attention of the Committee members.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Diane Mulligan". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name.

Diane Mulligan
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