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Dear Jim,

**FUNCTIONING OF GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) BILL:
COMMITTEE STAGE**

The Department agreed to clarify the time limit that is referred to in the revised NICS Code of Ethics relating to raising a matter for consideration by the Civil Service Commissioners. The Secretary to the Commissioners has advised:

The Commissioners guidance on NICS Code of Ethics Guidance for Appellants (May 2013) states, "Your wish to appeal should be communicated to Commissioners within three months of the date of the matter of concern taking place, or, if you have raised the concern through the internal procedures, within three months of the date on which you received a final written response from your department to the concern raised."

Yours sincerely,

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