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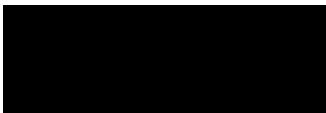
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Dear Peter,

Judena Leslie resigned as Commissioner for Public Appointments earlier this year and the post is currently vacant. There is therefore no Commissioner to provide a response to the Financial Reporting Bill; this response is based on the views of CPANI officials and does not represent the views of an incoming Commissioner.

We have reviewed the legislation and explanatory notes. The Commissioner for Public Appointments for Northern Ireland (CPANI) sits within the accounting boundary of TEO and the CPANI budget is therefore included with the spending estimate of TEO. For this reason we have no comments to make on the legislation.

Yours sincerely



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