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Dear Emer

### **The Pensions (Extension of Automatic Enrolment) Bill**

Thank you for your letter dated 28 May 2024 with regards to a query raised by Communities Committee members during their meeting of 23 May 2024.

The Committee members asked if any assessment had been made as to the potential cost to the NI public purse of extending automatic pension enrolment to younger workers in the public sector.

Department of Finance officials had previously requested information from the public service pension schemes in Northern Ireland on their employers current position to auto enrolment. Schemes confirmed that their employers automatically enrol new employees into the appropriate public service pension scheme regardless of age or earnings thresholds. Therefore, there are no cost implications to the NI public purse of extending automatic pension enrolment to younger workers in the public sector with the introduction of the above Bill.

Yours sincerely

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**On behalf of  
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