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Again this should be produced independently- no point in marking your own homework

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Will anything actually come of this? The rural parts of NI have always been ignored and yet there are great small businesses but we are hampered by scarce public transport that is expensive- open the train line again to the International Airport and fix the damn roads.

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Make sure you commission research from companies who have done this type of research and evaluation in other jurisdictions and know what they are doing instead of the usual MEAT tenders where you get mom and pop operations who don't pay interviewers minimum wage and do everything badly and on the cheap.

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As long as these indices are the proper multiple measures of deprivation but regions should also be defined at a reasonably granular level. It is also important to talk to the communities about where they see the disparity and how it affects them. It is important to have deliberate dialogues and allow communities to codesign some of this with the department.

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It is difficult to do this until there is an implementation plan which I hope you will consult on also

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This is wonderful to see that this is happening and finally rural areas can develop. There is so much talent and skills and entrepreneurship in deprived areas which is left untapped when with a bit of help and infrastructure it could be a more significant contribution to the economy. With the skills and talent in NI it is crazy that we can't generate enough GDP to support ourselves properly

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Yes

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Clause 5 - Reviewing the Framework

18 Do you agree that the operation and effectiveness of the Framework should be revised by the Executive every 5 years?

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19 Do you have any other comments on Clause 5 or suggested amendments for this clause?

clause 5:

5 years is far too long, no more than 2/3 years, and it must be mandatory.

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Yes

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22 Do you agree with how regional disparity may be defined by the Bill?

No

23 Should regional disparity indices be specified in the Bill?

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24 What other indices should be used to define regional disparity?

clause 7 :

The list is more exhausting than non-exhaustive. Surely having such a diverse list of definitions can become unmanageable, but I'm no statistician so what do I know.

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additional comments:

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Regional Balance Bill

Clause 1 - Strategic Regional Balance Framework

6 Do regional economic and related disparities need legislation in order for them to be addressed appropriately?

Yes

7 Should the obligation on the development of a Strategic Regional Balance Framework sit with the Executive?

Yes

8 Does the Bill correctly set out what should be in the Strategic Regional Balance Framework including: the roles of Departments; the mechanisms to address disparity; the criteria and methodology for assessing regional disparities; the setting of targets and milestones; the use of cross-border data; the identification of a baseline year etc.

Yes

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