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## DRAFT BUDGETS 2024-25 FOR THE NORTHERN IRELAND AUDIT OFFICE (NIAO), THE NORTHERN IRELAND PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN (NIPSO) AND THE NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY COMMISSION (NIAC)

Thank you for your letter of 09 April 2024 setting out the draft budgets for the NIAO, NIPSO and NIAC.

I acknowledge the short turnaround to prepare these draft budgets and appreciate your scrutiny and delivery of same in line with the timeframe for the Budget process.

It is helpful to have the background information and Committee's position on each of the three bodies in advance of the Executive agreeing its Budget 2024-25. The Audit Committee's decision will be reflected in the Budget 2024-25 paper I bring to the Executive.

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