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JUSTICE (No 2) BILL: THE PRISON OMBUDSMAN FOR NORTHERN IRELAND

Thank you for your letter of 9 December, in which you asked about a potential amendment to allow the Prison Ombudsman to carry out own-initiative investigations.

My officials are currently preparing an amendment providing the Ombudsman with such a power and the text of the proposed clause(s) will be provided under separate cover before 4 January 2016.

I trust this is of assistance.

*Yours
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