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Dear Ms Sugden

**RESPONSE TO A SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION TO THE FIRST MINISTER AND  
DEPUTY FIRST MINISTER ON 9 DECEMBER 2024 IN RESPECT OF AQO 1281/22-24**

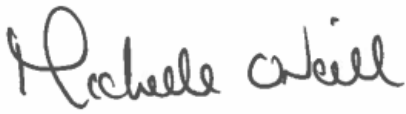
During Question Time on 9 December 2024, you asked the following supplementary question:

“First Minister, the engagement of older people is also important. Do you have an update on the appointment of the Older People’s Commissioner, as the current Commissioner is leaving his post today?”.

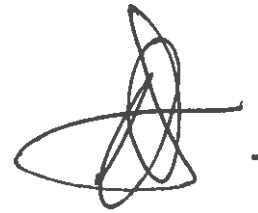
You were advised that you would receive a reply in writing.

We can advise that a public appointment competition for the role of Commissioner for Older People for NI is well progressed, and that an appointment decision will be announced in due course.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michelle O'Neill".

**Michelle O'Neill MLA**  
**First Minister**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Emma Little-Pengelly".

**Emma Little-Pengelly MLA**  
**deputy First Minister**