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**Dear Speaker**

At its meeting on 25 November, the Executive considered your letter of 17 November by which you had referred to it, under Section 28B of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 (the Act), a decision of the Minister for the Economy.

This decision, as stated in your referral letter, was the decision of the Minister for the Economy to instruct officials to prepare additional measures to eliminate any risk of public funds being used to support the manufacture of arms or components that are used for genocide.

We are writing to advise you that following the Executive's consideration of those matters on which it is required to respond to you under Section 28B(4) of the Act, there was no consensus reached on whether or not the Minister for the Economy's decision contravened section 28A(1) of the Act, whether or not the decision related to a significant or controversial matter, or regarding any actions.

Yours sincerely,

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

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