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Dear Paul

Thank you for your letter dated 11 December 2014 following the Committee meeting which took place on 10 December 2014 asking for the Minister to reconsider his decision in declining the release of the Project Assessment Review.

In your letter dated 7 November 2014 you had asked for:

A copy of the Project Assessment Review undertaken by the Major Projects Authority of the Cabinet Office (redacted of commercial information not critical to the findings and recommendations).

In the Department's response to the Committee on the 3 December it had advised:

The Project Assessment Review (PAR) was commissioned in August 2014. As the Minister explained in his statement to the Assembly on 3 November, commercial confidentiality prevents him from disclosing the PAR report at this time. However, as he indicated to the Committee for Regional Development on 12 November, he will release the report in full at the appropriate time, after the conclusion of the procurement process. As promised we have released the Scope of the review to the Committee.

The Minister's position on this matter remains unchanged. You will receive a copy of the report in full at the appropriate time, after the conclusion of the procurement process.

I note your comments on the appointment process for the Translink chair.

The content of this letter is fully disclosable under FOI.

I trust that this clarifies the position.

Yours sincerely

[signed]

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