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Dear *Kevin*

December 2014 / January 2015 Monitoring Round

The Department's return for the final monitoring round of 2014-15 was sent to DFP as required on 2nd January and copy of the letter is included with this note.

As advised in the original briefing, figures were indicative at the start of December, so the Committee will wish to note the changes in the final return. I have included a comparison table in an annex to this note for the Committee's convenience.

The main change is in relation to the Housing area, where three bids have been made and certain reduced requirements identified – paragraphs 2.1 to 2.3 of the DFP letter refer. In addition, whereas £12.8m had been the estimated total reduced

requirement in the Social Security Agency in December, the final easement figure was £12.0m – paragraphs 2.5 to 2.6 of the DFP letter refer.

Pending the Finance Minister's consideration of inputs from all Departments and the overall NI Block position, it is not known whether any of our bids will be successful. Following consideration of the Finance Minister's conclusions and recommendations, by the Executive, a statement to the Assembly on the outcome of the monitoring round will be made in due course.

I hope this brief update is helpful.

By E-mail

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Table : Final Monitoring Round position by Business Area

	Amount £m (@ 4 Dec 2014)	Amount £m (@ 2 Jan 2015)	Classification
<u>Housing</u>			
<i>Bids –</i>			
NIHE stock investment	-	11.5	Capital
St Patrick's barracks site	-	3.5	Capital
Planned/response maintenance	-	3.8	Resource
<i>Reduced requirements –</i>			
Reduced requirements (arising from 2013-14 over-provision)	-	(0.4)	Resource (ringfenced)
Reduced requirement (depreciation)	-	(2.2)	Resource non-cash
<i>Reallocations –</i>			
Proposed reduction due to proactive management action	(4.0)	(4.0)	Capital
Proposed reallocation	4.0	4.0	Capital
<u>Social Security Agency</u>			
Reduced resource requirements c/f from October monitoring	(10.5)	(7.1)	Resource
Additional easement	(2.3)	(4.9)	Resource
<u>Core Department</u>			
Housing Benefit reduced requirements (£3m c/f from October monitoring)	(3.5)	(3.5)	Resource