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### October Monitoring

After October monitoring, we are left with an unmet inescapable TDS Capital bid for £700k which will need to be considered in January monitoring. We also have 7 bids for external consultancy as set out in the table below that we cannot meet as we have reached the limit to which we can spend on external consultancy following the Executive's decision that external consultancy expenditure should reduce year on year by 10%.

In the October monitoring submission, we recommended to the Minister that she seek Executive approval for the external consultancy costs associated with the purchase of the Invest NI HQ building totalling £350k to be treated as an extraordinary one-off cost that should be outside the Executive target of 10% reductions. If the Executive agreed to this proposal, we would be able to address all of our 2013/14 external consultancy requirements and still deliver external consultancy savings exceeding the Executive target of an annual reduction of 10%. She was content with this proposal.

January monitoring will be commissioned on Monday 21 October with a return date of Friday 1 November 2013. If no further external consultancy savings are identified in the January monitoring exercise and we still have these outstanding high priority bids, we will be writing to the Minister to seek Executive agreement to treat the external consultancy costs for the Invest NI HQ building as an extraordinary one-off cost that are outside the Executive target of 10% reductions.

<b>High Priority:</b>		
Economic Policy Division	Specialist aviation service provider to identify opportunities to improve Northern Ireland's air connectivity to key international and Great Britain business and inbound tourism markets.	29
Telecoms Policy Unit	Feasibility study for the E-Comms Centre project (for which there is a £5m budget allocation in 2014/15).	20
Tourism Policy Branch	Review of NITB to ensure there is a greater alignment between NITB and the work of Invest NI.	14
Business Regulation Division	Quality audit review of Debt Advice delivery.	16
Invest NI	4 projects relating to Equality, IT security, ISO accreditation and EU issues.	16
	<b>Subtotal High Priority bids</b>	<b>95</b>
<b>Other Bids:</b>		
Energy Division	£5k for potential RHI analysis.	5
InterTradeIreland	Economic appraisals.	2
	<b>Subtotal Other bids</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>102</b>

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Any suggestions?  
What about any monitoring implications?  
Any appvls/cases due imminenetly?

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Anything which you suggest I should raise at the issues meeting with the Minister on Monday?

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All,

Grateful for any agenda items for Monday's Issues meeting.

Many thanks

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