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Please see attached from Trevor Cooper.

Many thanks

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2014-15 MAIN ESTIMATES

Issue: To provide the ETI Committee with written briefing on the DETI input to the Northern Ireland Main Estimates 2014-15.

Timing: **Routine.** Returns are due with DFP Supply by Wednesday 23 April.

Need for referral to the Executive: Not Applicable. Main Estimates are approved by the Northern Ireland Assembly via Supply Resolutions.

Presentational Issues: None.

Freedom of Information: Fully disclosable.

Programme for Government /PSA Implications: None.

Financial Implications: Budgets for 2014-15 have been agreed in Budget 2011-15 and the subsequent Budget Realignment Exercise.

Legislation Implications: Not Applicable.

Statutory Equality: Not Applicable.

Recommendation: That you note the information below and confirm that you are content for the material at **Annex A** to be used to brief the ETI Committee.

Background

1. The Supply process in Northern Ireland is based on the Westminster model, and Estimates are presented to the Northern Ireland Assembly by the Minister for Finance and Personnel for approval.
2. Estimates set out the amounts of cash and net resources required for public services for one financial year for each department. The Assembly approves the Estimates via the Supply Resolution.
3. Estimates are prepared by departments and examined by DFP Supply to ensure that they meet Assembly propriety requirements and are consistent with the Executive's expenditure plans, which are set out for all departments in Budget 2011-15. Departmental Supply Estimates are presented to the Assembly by DFP as part of a single publication. The format and content of the Estimates is set by DFP to ensure consistency of approach.
4. Following Assembly approval, the related Budget Bill is introduced and recommended by the Finance Minister providing the statutory authority for the appropriation of resources and for the drawdown of cash from the Northern Ireland Consolidated Fund.
5. In commissioning the 2014-15 Estimates, DFP has advised that Assembly Committees have an important role to play in the scrutiny of departmental spending plans, and for that reason departments should ensure that they fully engage with their respective Committee at an early stage in the Estimates process.

DETI Estimate

6. Supply Estimates consist of:
 - Introduction;
 - Part I (including the Ambit);
 - Part II Subhead detail; and
 - Part III Extra receipts payable to the NI Consolidated Fund.
7. In order to enhance the information available to the Northern Ireland Assembly, the Estimate is accompanied by a number of supporting statements, tables and notes.
8. DETI has a single request for resource for the departmental objective "*to promote the growth of a competitive and export-led economy.*" The 2014-15 Main Estimate for DETI has a net resource requirement of £234.1M and a net cash requirement of £227.8M, which reflects the latest Budget position agreed by the Executive for 2014-15.
9. I have included Part II Subhead detail at **Annex 1** which provides a breakdown of the resource requirement for 2014-15. The table is divided vertically into three sections for Resources, Capital and prior-year figures. The columns divide data by broad economic categories of Administration, other Resource, grant, and Capital and record expenditure and accruing resources by main business areas. Two further columns provide comparative data for previous years.

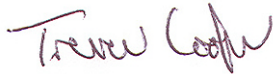
10. The table also provides a Resource to Cash Reconciliation which identifies the adjustments necessary to reconcile from the total net resource requirement to the net cash requirement.

Recommendation

11. That you note the information above and confirm that you are content for the material at **Annex A** to be used to brief the ETI Committee.

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12. I would be happy to discuss.



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DETI Estimate

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