

Appendix 8



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Dear *Malcolm*,

You will be aware that the Committee for Social Development is conducting an inquiry into allegations, made in a BBC Spotlight Programme, of impropriety or irregularity relating to decision-making in respect of Northern Ireland Housing Executive contracts.

In August 2013 the Committee was informed that a fact-finding exercise had been initiated into allegations made against the Special Adviser in the Spotlight Programme, that this fact-finding exercise would be conducted by the Head of Corporate HR of the NICS, and that it would enable the Department to determine whether any formal investigation should be initiated.

Subsequently in September 2013 the Department provided an update on this matter, stating that the fact-finding exercise had been completed and that the Department expected to receive the report on the exercise later that week. It noted that, once the Department had had the opportunity to fully consider the report, a decision would be made on the appropriate next steps.