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Dear Mark

**Public Accounts Committee Evidence Session**

Thank you for your attendance at the PAC Evidence Session on 23 November 2016. As agreed by you at the meeting, please provide the Committee with the following information:

- In relation to the additional analysis work CEPA and AEA were asked to undertake on the consultation responses, can you please provide any relevant correspondence to and from DETI which explains the rationale for selecting only 5 or 6 consultation responses from a total of 78;
- Emails from the former CEPA Project Manager to their counterpart in DETI where concern was expressed by DETI that the NI tariffs were less generous than the GB rates and if it was proposed they should be increased;
- Emails where CEPA were asked to increase hassle costs for the NI scheme;
- Clarification on whether discussions took place with DETI around the recommendation in the CEPA 2013 report that the GB rates were more cost effective and therefore should be considered as an option for the NI scheme; and whether DETI provided feedback to CEPA on why they decided not to go with the GB rate;

- Details on how the potential liability for subsidy schemes can be reduced.

In addition to these questions, the Committee agreed that I should also ask if you can explain why the report addendum is not available on the website. Finally, please and can you forward the detail of the tender process that you participated in.

Please respond by noon 2 December 2016 using the email address above.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robin Swann', is placed on a light yellow rectangular background.

**Robin Swann**  
**Chairperson**  
**Public Accounts Committee**

**cc. Alison Caldwell**