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Dear Sir Jonathan,

Following publication of the Northern Ireland Office's Supplementary Estimates for 2018-19, the Committee would be grateful if you could provide additional detail on the following points:

- Whether all £26.2m of Barnett Consequentials arising from the NHS Agenda for Change Pay Award will be spent on funding NHS pay awards in Northern Ireland, and if not, how this funding will be spent;
- The intended use of the £139 million to be transferred from the Capital DEL budget to the Resource DEL budget, and an explanation of why funding is being moved from capital to resource in this way;
- How Northern Ireland will benefit from the £1.6 billion Stronger Towns Fund, given that analysis by the Institute for Fiscal Studies has indicated that this is not new money and as such it does not feature in the Supplementary Estimates as a Barnett Consequential.

The Committee would be grateful for your response by Wednesday 10 April.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Andrew Murrison MP

Chair, Northern Ireland Affairs Committee

Grateful for your help.