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*Dear Margaret,*

**NORTHERN IRELAND OFFICE MAIN ESTIMATE 2018-19**

The Northern Ireland Office Main Estimate 2018-19 is being presented to Parliament for approval on 16 April 2018. I attach a Memorandum providing explanations for the changes sought in the Main Estimate and a copy of the NIO's Main Estimate.

You may wish to note the table in section 6 provides a reconciliation between HMT's budgetary control totals which are reflected in the Main Estimate and the Secretary of State's recent written ministerial statement detailing the budget allocated to the Northern Ireland Executive for 2018-19. The reconciling items will be subject to the usual approval processes before they are formally consolidated into the Supplementary Estimate's process and will be set out in full in the Supplementary Estimates Memorandum supplied to the Committee in 2019.

Should you wish to discuss any aspects of this, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Simon Burrows, Head of Finance, Northern Ireland Office.

*Yours,*

*Jonathan Stephens*

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