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Mr Brendan Smyth MLA
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Dear Mr Smyth

I write to clarify information provided in evidence to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts at the Supplementary Appropriations hearing on 28 April 2014, in response to your question about the Justice and Community Safety Directorate's expenditure on fighting bullying inside the directorate.

In the exchange that followed I indicated that such complaints should be in writing.

The Directorate has clarified advice provided to me in relation to this process. The Enterprise Agreement provides that where there are allegations of misconduct (in this case allegation of bullying) the Head of Service (delegated) is to gather sufficient information to determine whether there is sufficient evidence to support the allegation.

While this process does not explicitly require the complaint to be in writing as advised, it does require the delegate to be satisfied that there is sufficient information to support the allegation prior to the matter being investigated. This evidence in practice usually requires a written statement to be pursued.

I appreciate the opportunity to clarify the information I provided relating on this matter during the Supplementary Appropriations hearing.

Yours sincerely

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