

DoF PRIVATE OFFICE - NOTE OF MEETING

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KN REF:		INV- 0415-2025	
TITLE/ORGANISATION:		Chief Secretary to the Treasury – James Murray	
DATE AND TIME:		Wednesday 26 November – 10.15 – 10.25	
VENUE:	☐ PB	☐ Clare House	☒ OTHER: Teams
ATTENDEES: CST – Rt Hon James Murray MP SOSNI – Rt Hon Hilary Benn MP Treasury Official(s) – S 40 (2) Claire Baudoin NIO Official - Luke Sunerton.			
☒ Minister	☒ SpAd	☒ PS	☐ APS ☐ Office Manager
OFFICIALS / OTHER	Joanne McBurney Tony Simpson Maryann Smith		
KEY POINTS DISCUSSED: CST provided a brief summary of key elements of the budget relevant to NI and confirmed the Barnett Consequentials: – RDEL/CDEL – 2025-26 to end of SR settlement period 2028-29 (resource) and 2029-30 (capital). – Total extra will be £370m in total above the baseline. – £240 Resource – £130 Capital. – Information sharing – Letter being issued to DGs regarding sharing of in-year planning assumptions. – £16.6m - one stop shop for support services – winter framework (NIO to work with NIE). – Fraud & Error in welfare system will be considered after the budget. – Minister thanked CST and welcomed the advance information which will be treated in confidence until CX has concluded her delivery of the budget.			

- Treasury Officials will provide the breakdown of figures to DoF officials as soon as the CX concludes her speech.

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- Discussed the approach for December MR.

ACTION POINTS / ISSUES AGREED & OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE

- Reconvene to discuss the detail of the budget following receipt of figures from Treasury following CX delivery.

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26 November 2025