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Dear Accounting Officer

HMT ASSURANCE FRAMEWORKS GUIDE

Purpose

1. The purpose of this letter is to draw your attention to the HM Treasury "Assurance Frameworks" guide issued December 2012.

2. The guide (attached) provides advice on how coordinated Assurance Frameworks can be developed and used by Boards and Audit Committees to support the Accounting Officer when completing the annual Governance Statement.

3. It is not our intention to formally issue the guide at this time; however it is a useful guide and will be of interest to Accounting Officers, Boards, Audit Committees and Internal Audit functions. You may therefore wish to draw it to the attention of the relevant parties within your department, agencies and arm’s length bodies.
Queries

4. Any queries regarding this letter or report should be addressed to Alison Caldwell (alison.caldwell@dfpni.gov.uk), telephone 028 9185 8249, ext 68249.

Yours sincerely

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