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## BY EMAIL

Dear Naomi,

Thank you for your letter of 5 March, asking the Prison Service Pay Review Body to reengage for the 2020-21 pay round.

In January the Review Body visited Northern Ireland to meet the parties and to see the establishments and the Prisoner Escorting and Court Custody Service to ensure our understanding of the issues was up to date and to hear evidence directly from staff. We were also pleased to have the opportunity of pre round discussions with both the trade unions and NIPS officials which helped to clarify the objectives which we assume will be reflected in evidence to the Review Body. I have now asked our secretariat to liaise with Ronnie Armour and his team with the aim of commissioning evidence and producing a report for 2020 as soon as is practicable. Subject to finalising a detailed timetable, the Review Body is working towards submitting a report to you by the beginning of August this year.

I am sorry it was not possible to find a mutually convenient time to meet on my forthcoming visit to Belfast, but the Review Body looks forward to meeting you at the oral evidence session later this year.

I am copying this letter to Ronnie Armour, Director General of the Northern Ireland Prison Service.

Yours sincerely

Tim Flesher

Chair, Prison Service Pay Review Body





