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Dear Minister

Thank you for your letter of 24 March 2014 asking the Prison Service Pay Review Body to note the pay proposals for the Northern Ireland Prison Service for 2014-15 which management have agreed with the trade unions.

We have considered the written evidence which your officials submitted on behalf of all the parties and also visited Belfast to discuss the agreement with the Northern Ireland Prison Service, the POA and the Prison Governors' Association.

We were pleased to see the significant improvements in working relationships between the parties and reassured that the agreement will deliver positive outcomes both for staff and management. It is a positive step forward for the prison service in Northern Ireland.

Our discussions in Belfast made it clear that the agreement extends to issues beyond our remit and on that basis we agree it is appropriate that we should "note" the agreement. We are happy to do so.

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Chair, Prison Service Pay Review Body

