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Dear Tim

THE NORTHERN IRELAND PRISON SERVICE 2022/23 PAY ROUND

I am writing to formally request the engagement of the Prison Service Pay Review Body to provide a Report and recommendations in respect of 2022 pay for operational staff in the Northern Ireland Prison Service for the 12 month period from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023.

I would ask the Pay Review Body to:

- be cognisant of Northern Ireland Public Sector Pay guidance; and
- ensure that any increases to pay and allowances are confined within the budget set for pay by the Department of Justice for operational prison grades.

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However, I am conscious that Northern Ireland Departmental budgets are not yet set, and Northern Ireland public sector pay guidance has yet to be published. The Justice Minister and officials welcome the opportunity to discuss what is achievable, as part of the evidence sessions, at which stage the parameters for the 2022 pay round will be shared. Your independence and expertise in delivering an affordable and effective pay strategy is welcomed.

NIPS Officials will liaise with the Secretariat to agree the timescales, and will work with the Review Body to deliver against the key aims for NIPS.

I thank you and your members for your continued commitment and support to the Northern Ireland Prison Service.

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

Yours sincerely,

NAOMI LONG MLA
Minister of Justice

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