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Rosalie Flanagan  
Deirdre Griffith

**FROM: NEILL JACKSON  
MACHINERY OF GOVERNMENT**

9 November 2006

**TO: ALAN SHANNON  
STEPHEN QUINN  
STEPHEN PEOVER  
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PAUL SWEENEY**

**NORTH ANTRIM CONSTITUENCY ISSUES**

1. You will be aware of the representations made by Ian Paisley Jnr on a number of issues related to developments or events in the North Antrim Constituency area. These are listed in Annex A. We are grateful to Departments for the comprehensive briefing already provided on these.
2. We have now had the opportunity to discuss these, and the response to them, with David Hanson. The Minister recognises the complexity of the issues and the significance of the due legal and administrative process attaching to most of them and therefore wishes to ensure that they are handled appropriately in line with normal procedures. He wishes now to provide a considered response to Ian Paisley Jnr. This would be as positive as possible within the constraints noted earlier and:
  - explain the Government's position on each issue;
  - indicate what we are doing, or might do further, to address his/his

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constituents concerns; and

- where there are outstanding problems or sticking points, offer a meeting with Ministers and/or officials to discuss these further.

3. I would therefore be grateful for part-input from you as appropriate. In the case of the Giant's Causeway issue, it would be appreciated if DETI and DOE could agree a single composite response. Responses should be cleared by the Minister and forwarded to [mog.sec@ofmdfmni.gov.uk](mailto:mog.sec@ofmdfmni.gov.uk) which will then be included in a composite draft letter. The Minister wishes to write well in advance of 24 November and to meet this deadline, I would be grateful if your responses could be forwarded to me, copied to Nigel Hamilton and Rosalie Flanagan, by close of play on 15 November.

**Neill Jackson**

**NEILL JACKSON**

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Financial Support for the NW 200 (DCAL).

Planning Approval for development at the Galgorm Estate, Ballymena (DOE).

Future use of St Patrick's Barracks, Ballymena (DSD).

Development of land at Giant's Causeway (DETI/DOE).

Upgrading to A26 road for Glarryford to the Ballycastle Junction (DRD).

Resale of vested land at Ballee East, Ballymena (DSD).