

Dr Caoimhe Archibald MLA
Finance Minister
Northern Ireland Assembly

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Dear Dr Archibald

Inquiry into Fiscal Intergovernmental Relations

The Finance Committee of the Senedd, is undertaking an inquiry into Fiscal Intergovernmental Relations. This is an important inquiry for us to consider the effectiveness of the intergovernmental structures that are in place across the UK to support collaborative working on fiscal matters.

As part of our terms of reference we are considering the dispute resolution mechanisms and whether they are fit for purpose, in particular, the dispute resolution process relating to the fiscal framework and the implementation of new devolved taxes.

During evidence sessions on 1 May 2024, it was brought to our attention that the Northern Ireland Executive had raised a dispute with HM Treasury in 2022, but the outcome remains unclear as the dispute was put on hold due to the NI Executive being in abeyance.

I appreciate you were not in post when the dispute was raised but we would be extremely grateful if you are able to share any information on the nature of the dispute and its current status.

I would appreciate your response by 21 June 2024, to enable us to take account of the information as part of our inquiry.

Yours sincerely,



Peredur Owen Griffiths MS
Chair

Cc Matthew O'Toole MLA, Chairperson, Committee for Finance, Northern Ireland Assembly

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