

4. The First and Deputy First Ministers have not formed any views, individually or jointly, on any of the material, so it should not be construed as necessarily reflecting their position on the various issues under consideration. Before reporting to the Assembly, however, they felt it would be useful to use the papers as the basis for consultation and discussion on the matters referred, in accordance with the resolution on 1 July. The papers are attached accordingly.

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