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You will know that the Secretary of State announced an internal Elections Review last month in direct response to the parties' concern at allegations of electoral abuse. The Review Team has begun its work and is currently gathering information.

The Government is determined to deal with any problem of vote stealing that exists and I want to encourage you, therefore, to send any views and comments on electoral matters, particularly at this stage on electoral abuse, to the Elections Review Team at 11 Millbank, London SW1P 4QE

We want to be able to respond to your concerns and to ensure that the people of Northern Ireland can continue to have confidence in the conduct of elections.

Paul Murphy MP Minister of State