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Dear *John,*

**NORTHERN IRELAND PUBLIC EXPENDITURE PRIORITIES**

I wrote to you on 6 June to request you to nominate someone in your party through whom further contact on the consultation exercise on spending priorities might be made. My letter of 6 August provided more information about the exercise and mentioned that I hoped to meet with party nominees in September to discuss priorities. If you wish to take up this invitation, I should be grateful if your nominee would contact my private secretary, Mr Liam Barr (Tel: 01232 - 526545), to arrange a mutually convenient time.

Yours sincerely

**PAUL MURPHY MP**  
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