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Dear Mr Allister

**YOUR COMPLAINT AGAINST MR PHIL FLANAGAN MLA**

Thank you for your letter of 25 July 2013.

I am satisfied that your complaint meets the admissibility criteria as set out in Direction 3.2 of the Assembly Members' (Independent Financial Review and Standards) Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 (General Procedures) Direction 2012. Accordingly I have commenced my investigation.

At a later stage of the process it is likely that I will wish to meet with you to take your views on any matters that arise in the course of my investigation but, in the meantime, if you have any information that may be relevant, perhaps you could send this on to me.

I enclose a note outlining the procedure for my investigation and for any interviews that I conduct. It draws attention also to certain statutory provisions.

Yours sincerely

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