

**From the Minister of Finance  
From the Minister of Justice**

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Dear Michael

**DoH EXECUTIVE PAPER - MODELLING THE COURSE OF THE COVID EPIDEMIC AND THE IMPACT OF DIFFERENT INTERVENTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

Further to this evening's meeting of the Executive Committee, and in light of your concluding caution to Ministers that any deviation from the recommendations contained within the Minister for Health's paper will lead to excess deaths, we are requesting urgent clarification on the implications of "excess deaths".

Given the veto expressed tonight in respect of the Health Ministers recommendations, we urgently seek your advice on the appropriate course of action given that the regulations are scheduled to fall at midnight November 12<sup>th</sup>.

In the absence of any alternative option to the lifting of current restrictions, we are requesting your advice as Chief Medical Officer on what this will mean for the resilience of our public response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

This letter has been copied to Executive Colleagues.

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**CONOR MURPHY MLA  
MINISTER OF FINANCE**

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