

FIRST MINISTER, DEPUTY FIRST MINISTER MEETING 9/6/20

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Your weekly meeting with the FM/DFM. No agenda has been circulated, but given that you have just discussed COVID-19 at Quad, **Irrelevant & Sensitive**

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Otherwise - both might raise the issue of the self-employment Covid-19 funding and the current inability to use NI driving licenses or Irish passports as identification, you wrote to the Assembly on Friday with Jesse Norman's update and can assure them we are working with HMRC to try to address this.

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QUAD

- Do you have any reflections from Quad earlier? Grateful for your views on how regularly we should keep convening those meetings.

BOMBARDIER

- I have been closely following developments at Bombardier along with BEIS SOS. As a key player and employer in the local economy. I was very saddened to hear of the job losses which were announced last week.
- The NIO has been kept updated on the sales process to Spirit, and are aware of the pensions issue that Bombardier are working on with the Pensions Regulator. My officials are looking to speak with Michael Ryan at Bombardier this week (**to note - Colin Perry, NIO director, had arranged to meet with Michael this morning, however Michael requested to delay until later in the week**).
- Senior officials at BEIS are meeting with the Pensions Regulator this week to fully understand the issues.
- Once we have a better understanding of the full situation, we will then assess where the UK Government may be helpful in resolving the situation. **But I should be clear that I will be respecting that the Pensions Regulator is an independent regulatory body that operates outside of the direction of ministers.**

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