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MEETING NOTE

KN REF:		INV 1208 - 2020	
TITLE/ORGANISATION:		MEETING WITH MINISTER WALKER	
DATE AND TIME:		16 th July 2020	
VENUE:	<input type="checkbox"/> PB	<input type="checkbox"/> Clare House	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:
LIST OF ATTENDEES:		<i>Robin Walker, Conor Murphy, Eoin Rooney, Sue Gray</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Minister	<input type="checkbox"/> SpAd	<input type="checkbox"/> PS	
OFFICIALS:			
OTHERS:			
<p>KEY POINTS DISCUSSED:</p> <p>Covid 19 Response, Fiscal Council, NDNA, Confidence and Supply and</p> <p>Sec of State hoping to get board meeting</p> <p>CM – significant interventions for Covid 19. Regular engagement with Treasury. Pressing re cliff edge furlough scheme. DfE predicting around 100000 redundancies – back to 1980's</p> <p>£1.5 billion much gone to support business through grant schemes and rates relief. Much welcomed. Working with DfE for outstanding £53 million to reallocate for those areas that didn't get support. Money also went to Health and for PPE and through supporting vulnerable people. Officials very flexible and diligent in getting money out – high success rate in terms of getting it out quickly. Had been looking for more significant consequential for recovery – around £150 million. Not likely to do all that we wanted to do. We were disappointed in the allocation and would have hoped for more to underpin recovery. Also looking for more flexibility re spend with Treasury.</p> <p>Fiscal Council – timescale slipped due to Covid 19 – we are turning attention to it. Hope to make inroads to this over summer. Also in parallel looking to do a Fiscal commission looking at where we can get additional powers to leverage more income.</p> <p>RW – any help we can do on fiscal council – happy to help. Demonstrating progress on this re discussions with funding would be beneficial. Keen money from packages is spent for what it was intended for.</p> <p>CM – NDNA commitment – fiscal Council. We will follow through. Commitments re financial contributions for Treasury were not followed through. We would like to see these commitments held to. Not a wish list for NDNA.</p> <p>C and S money – some 195 million still outstanding over remaining years. We want to see government live up to its commitments</p>			

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RW – 550 million already provided for NDNA. Treasury will have final say re packages available.

CM – further commitments in NDNA not held up to and we will continue to pursue this.

Victims Pensions – part of Stormont House agreement – consequences of legislation by UK I that it is different to SH agreement – therefore view of Executive is that UK government should be paying for it.

Haven't received fully costed agreement to any of this.

RW – keen for Executive to designate a Department. Want payments underway as soon as possible.

CM - still matter for resolution for time ahead.

SG – Victims –have sked for expenditure appraisal several time and it would be useful to get this from you. NIO has shared high level financial modelling with Executive so would need more detail.

Multi year budgets – your help with this would be appreciated

Aviation – connectivity very important – don't have same alternatives that rest of UK have. Help for all 3 airports and anything you can do would be helpful.

CM – multi year part of spending review.

RW – glad progress made on growth deals. Need these to be delivered as soon as possible.

ACTION POINTS / OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE:

Request made for more detail on financial modelling for victims payments.

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