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Dear Liam

You wrote to my predecessor Sir Nigel Hamilton on 3 July to advise him of the motion passed by Belfast City Council in relation to the establishment of a regional hospital for women and children; and to request that he draw this motion to the attention of the Executive.

I understand that the Council also informed the Minister for Health and Social Services and Public Safety of the terms of the motion and that he has now responded to the Council to advise it of the current stage of development of this proposal.

The Council will have noted that there remain a significant number of issues to be determined in relation to the project and, in these circumstances, I am sure that the Council will appreciate that it would be inappropriate for me, as Secretary, to engage the Executive in a matter on which the responsible Minister himself has yet to determine the way forward and may himself wish to bring to the Executive in due course.

I am copying this letter to the First Minister and deputy First Minister to advise them of the Council's representations.

Yours sincerely

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