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Affordable Warmth Scheme

I am writing in response to your request for a letter of comfort regarding future funding in respect of the delivery of the Affordable Warmth Scheme which was discussed at the recent Senior Official meeting in Omagh.

Unfortunately I am not in a position at this time to be explicit about the size of the budget for 2018/19, however we are assured that it is of a significant enough amount to give you comfort that we can continue with the delivery of the scheme in 2018/2019. As soon as I am given confirmation of the budget I will write to you with full details along with referral volumes and profiling.

I am also exploring the possibility of initiating a third party review of the funding arrangement the Department has with Local Councils and I expect you will be involved in this process.

I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank you for your continued support in the delivery of the Affordable Warmth Scheme.

Martin McDermott