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Mr Sean Fleming
Chairman, Committee of Public Accounts
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Dear Chairman Fleming,

Thank you for your letter of 13 March 2018 regarding the Criminal Justice (Community Sanctions) Bill. Head 30 of the General Scheme of this Bill as approved by Government in February 2014 provides for the replacement of the Court Poor Box by the establishment of a statutory Reparation Fund. Under the General Scheme Judges of the District Court, and in some instances the Circuit Court, will be able to make reparation orders requiring payment into this fund for minor offences.

The monies paid into this fund under reparation orders will be collected by the Courts Service before being paid into the Department of Justice and Equality for allocation. These funds will be allocated to provide for services for victims of crime and for compensation payments payable by the Criminal Injuries Compensation Tribunal.

The reparation fund will be managed by the Department of Justice and Equality and the operation of the fund will be subject to audit by the Comptroller and Auditor General.

Yours sincerely,

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Minister for Justice and Equality