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# Written Ministerial Statement

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## Regional Development

### **NI Water: Independent Review Team Report into Procurement Governance**

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#### **The Minister for Regional Development**

**(Mr Murphy):** I have recently received the report of an Independent Review Team which was examining procurement governance failures in NI Water.

The report finds that there has been a serious breakdown in the governance and control framework of NIW in relation to contract approvals, and that this is a serious matter for those responsible, namely the NIW Board and Executives responsible for ensuring compliance.

I will take firm action to implement the recommendations in the report. As part of this, I want to inform the Assembly that I am today dismissing four non-executive directors from the Board [Chris Mellor – the chairman, John Ballard, Ruth Thompson and Declan Gormley]. I have taken this step after a great deal of consideration of all the evidence in order to provide a firm basis for the company to establish governance arrangements, and to move forward with the confidence of the community.