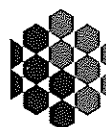


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Mr William Hay

Thank you for letter of 9 November enclosing a copy of the Public Petition regarding victims of institutional abuse which was laid in the Assembly on 9 November 2009 by Carmel Hanna MLA.

I will ensure that the Executive Paper that my officials are preparing references the fundamental nature of the petition. I intend to present the Paper to the Executive, as early as possible in the New Year, for their consideration and a decision on the way forward.

I trust you find this response helpful.

Regards,

Michael McGimpsey

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