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I am writing in response to the request made by you at the debate, on Tuesday 2 March, to affirm the Rates (Exemption for Automatic Telling Machines in Rural Areas) Order (Northern Ireland) 2010.

During that debate you had asked for the Department's definition of "rural areas" in respect of that Statutory Rule and for examples of specific towns and villages falling outside the definition of rural areas that could qualify from the scheme. In response I agreed to provide a copy of the relevant legislative provision (namely the Rates (Automatic Telling Machines) (Designation of Rural Areas) Order (Northern Ireland) 2006) to each MLA. A copy of this letter has been copied to all members, the Speaker and the Assembly Librarian alongside a copy of that Order. The Order itself lists the 200 local government wards which are designated as rural areas for the purposes of the ATMs exemption.

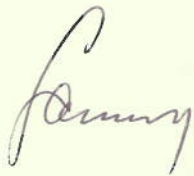
The Department chose these rural areas using data provided in a Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency (NISRA) report. The Report of the Inter-Departmental Urban-Rural Definition Group Statistical Classification and Delineation of Settlements, which can be accessed online at: <http://www.nisra.gov.uk/demography/default.asp26.htm>, provides a statistical classification of settlements in Northern Ireland which allows users, both within Government and beyond, to group specific categories of settlements for particular policy purposes.

The report contains a table which groups all settlements in Northern Ireland into 8 Bands (A to H) with Bands F to H (all settlements with a population of less than 4,500 and the open countryside) given the classification of rural. Analysis of the various wards in Northern Ireland was then undertaken to

discern which wards would fall within Bands F to H and therefore be "rural" for the purposes of the ATMs exclusion.

I hope you that you find this reply useful in responding to your requests.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sammy Wilson', written in a cursive style.

SAMMY WILSON MP MLA

(Enc)

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Speaker, Mr William Hay,

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RATES

The Rates (Automatic Telling Machines) (Designation of Rural Areas) Order (Northern Ireland) 2006

Made - - - - - *13th December 2006*

Coming into operation - *1st April 2007*

The Department of Finance and Personnel^(a) makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 42(1G) of the Rates (Northern Ireland) Order 1977^(b):

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Rates (Automatic Telling Machines) (Designation of Rural Areas) Order (Northern Ireland) 2006 and shall come into operation on 1st April 2007.

Designation of rural areas

2. Wards as set out in the Schedule are designated as rural areas for the purposes of Article 42(1F) of the Rates (Northern Ireland) Order 1977.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance and Personnel on 13th December 2006



Brian McClure
A senior officer of the Department of Finance and Personnel

(a) Formerly the Department of Finance; *see* S.I. 1982/338 (N.I. 6) Article 3
(b) S.I. 1977/2157 (N.I. 28); Article 42 was amended by Article 25 of the Rates (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/2954 (N.I. 18))

SCHEDULE

Article 2

List of Designated Rural Areas

<i>District</i>	<i>Wards</i>		
Derry	Banagher Claudy Eglinton		
Limavady	Magilligan Upper Glenshane Feeny	Dungiven The Highlands Glack	Gresteel Ballykelly
Coleraine	Kilrea Agivey Dunluce	Castlerock Macosquin Ringsend	Garvagh
Ballymoney	Benvardin Dervock Stranocum Ballyhoe and Corkey	Knockaholet The Vow Killoquin Lower Dunloy	Clogh Mills Killoquin Upper
Moyle	Bushmills Ballylough Dunseverick Carnmoon	Kinbane Moss-side and Moyarget Armoy Glenshesk	Glendun Glenaan Glenariff
Larne	Carnlough Glenarm Ballycarry	Island Magee	
Ballymena	Glenravel Slemish Glenwhirry Kells	Grange Ahoghill Portglenone Dunminning	Craigyarren Cullybackey Broughshane
Magherafelt	Swatragh Upperlands Valley Lower Glenshane	Maghera Gulladuff Tobermore Bellaghy	Castledawson Draperstown Lecumpher Ballymaguigan
Cookstown	Dunnamore Pomeroy Lissan Oaklands	Sandholes Moneymore Coagh Stewartstown	The Loop Ardboe Killycolpy
Strabane	Glenderg Castlederg	Plumbridge Victoria Bridge	Dunnamanagh Slievekirk

<i>District</i>	<i>Wards</i>		
	Clare Newtownstewart	Finn Sion Mills	Artigarvan
Omagh	Trillick Dromore Drumquin Fairy Water Clanabogan	Fintona Newtownsaville Sixmilecross Beragh Drumnakilly	Termon Owenkillew Gortin
Fermanagh	Rosslea Newtownbutler Donagh Lisnaskea Brookeborough Maguires Bridge	Tempo Lisbellaw Ballinamallard Irvinestown Lisnarrick Kesh, Ederney and Lack	Belleek and Boa Belcoo and Garrison Derrygonnelly Boho, Cleenish and Letterbreen Florence Court and Kinawley Derrylin
Dungannon and South Tyrone	Fivemiletown Clogher Augher Ballygawley	Altmore Donaghmore Washing Bay Killyman	Moy Benburb Caledon Aughnacloy
Craigavon	The Birches Magheralin Donaghcloney	Waringstown	
Armagh	Charlemont Loughall Hockley Ballymartrim Killylea	Milford Derrynoose Keady Carrigatuke Markethill	Poyntz Pass Tandragee Laurelvale Rich Hill Hamiltonsbawn
Newry and Mourne	Annalong Lisnacree Rostrevor Burren and Kilbroney Spelga	Mayobridge Donaghmore Tullyhappy Camlough Newtownhamilton	Creggan Crossmaglen Silver Bridge Forkhill
Banbridge	Gilford Lawrencetown Loughbrickland	Bannside Katesbridge Ballyward	Gransha Quilly Rathfriland
Down	Saintfield Kilmore Drumaness Derryboy Killyleagh	Crossgar Strangford Ardglass Killough Seaforde	Castlewellan Dundrum Tollymore

<i>District</i>	<i>Wards</i>		
Lisburn	Glenavy Ballinderry Moira	Maghaberry Maze Hillsborough	Dromara Ballymacbrennan Drumbo
Antrim	Toome Shilvodan Templepatrick	Parkgate Clady Crumlin	
Newtownabbey	Doagh Ballynure		
Carrickfergus	Blackhead Whitehead		
Ards	Killinchy Ballygowan Carrowdore	Ballywalter Portavogie Kircubbin	Portaferry

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order sets out local government wards designated as rural areas for the purposes of exempting automatic telling machines from rates under Article 42(1F) of the Rates (Northern Ireland) Order 1977.

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