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Position: Director, who attended Coleraine Consultation Meeting

Subject: Summary Document of responses on Northern Ireland Multiple Deprivation Measures 2004

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Response:

Thank you for the six page summary of responses on the **5** consultation meetings. The document includes most of the points raised.

However, I wish to raise the following points;

1. In my working party there was a strong feeling that people in the rural areas had suffered from insufficient clarity. If disadvantaged people in the rural areas were in wards of relative wealth, their deprivation was hidden and their case for further help from funding bodies such as Local Strategy Partnerships was crippled.
2. Because of the higher incidents of domestic crime in Northern Ireland versus the rest of the UK, it was felt that domestic crime should continue to be included especially as most experts agree that domestic crime in Northern Ireland is still very under reported.
3. It is hoped that considerable weight will be given to the points included in the section of your summary on GENERAL COMMENTS.
4. Concern was expressed in my group that the number of indicators used to measure some domains were greatly reduced e.g. eight indicators were used on crime in 2001 and this has now been reduced to four. And while nine indicators were used on the geographical access to services in 2001, this has now been reduced to five.

Yours sincerely

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