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Colin

We discussed this morning the possibility of the FM making a statement on Child protection issues (including, potentially, an apology for historic abuse). I have had an extremely helpful conversation with Maureen who has confirmed that her team could pull together a statement on progress since the publication of "Its Everyone's Job to make sure I'm Alright". I have now spoken with Parly Business office. The 25th November is a non-Executive business day (in addition to being the date of our stakeholder conference, something that I must confess I had forgotten when we spoke earlier!) which means we cannot arrange a statement from the FM that day. The afternoon of Wednesday 24th November is being used by the DFM for a debate on employment however we have agreed with their office that we could "steal" half an hour from their debate giving us a slot from 2.35-3.05pm for a potential statement.

I realise this is not as neat as the Thursday would have been as we are a day early for the 2 year anniversary however I still think it would be an ideal platform for our purposes. Minister for Parly Business office will not alter the business arrangements until we are clear as to whether or not this statement is going to happen however they recognise the sensitivities around which we are operating and have confirmed that it will be fairly straightforward to amend things in the course of next week if we get the green light firstly from Ministers (and secondly from OSSE).

As discussed I would be very grateful if you could speak with the Minister about this proposal, let me know his reaction and then we can discuss what the next steps should be.

Many thanks,

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