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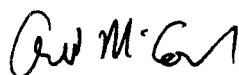


Annual Compliance Statement 1 February 2010 – 31 July 2010

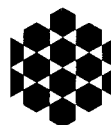
I am writing in response to your letter dated 20 May 2010 which requests a Compliance Statement is completed for the period 1st February 2010 – 31st July 2010 and returned to you by 30th September 2010.

As you are aware the Department had an unprecedented situation whereby an Interim Board was appointed during this period to the Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service. I am grateful for the support you afforded the Department in dealing with this sensitive issue. This has been noted on the compliance statement enclosed.

Yours sincerely



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**STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE COMMISSIONER FOR PUBLIC
APPOINTMENTS FOR NORTHERN IRELAND CODE OF PRACTICE FOR
MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENTS TO PUBLIC BODIES**

I certify that all public appointment processes within the remit of the Commissioner for Public Appointments for Northern Ireland conducted during the period 1 February 2010 to 31 July 2010 by Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety have been carried out in accordance with the Commissioner's Code of Practice / save as set out below. *

I am aware of the following issues of non-compliance with the Commissioner's Code during the relevant period and have taken or plan to take the actions indicated below, in order to rectify or, if not rectifiable, deal with the issues concerned. *


INSTANCES OF NON-COMPLIANCE:

Appointment of an Interim Chair and six Board Members to the Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service.

ACTION TAKEN OR PLANNED TO DEAL WITH NON-COMPLIANCE:

Action above taken after engagement and support of the Commissioner, correspondence dated 29 April 2010 and 6th May 2010 refer.

Full open public appointments competition underway to appoint a Chair and ten members to the Northern Ireland Fires and Rescue Service.

Signed:  [Permanent Secretary]

Date: 22 September 2010