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Dear Mr Kelpie,

Thank you for your correspondence of 9 October 2020 regarding the Motion passed by Derry and Strabane District Council on 24 September.

As you will appreciate, most of the issues raised in the Motion do not fall to my department and I understand that your letter has been circulated to Ministerial colleagues in a number of other departments.

I note the references to the Northern Ireland Protocol and acknowledge that there is continued uncertainty around how that will operate. Work is underway across my department to address the implications of the Protocol on justice outcomes.

We are working with other Departments, particularly the Department for the Economy, the Department for Infrastructure, and the Department for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs to identify potential risks and develop mitigations to the challenges for justice raised by the Protocol.

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I have been clear that any economic shocks or disruption to trade as a result of EU Exit not only risk a considerable negative impact on business and our wider community, but also have the potential to be exploited by organised criminality.

I realise that this response does not address all of the issues raised by the Motion, but I hope that you find it helpful.

Yours sincerely

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Minister of Justice