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Dear Stakeholder

TEO CONSULTATION ON BUDGET 2023-24 AND EQUALITY SCREENING FORM

The Department has published its Budget for 2023-24 for consultation, along with its Equality Screening Form and would like to invite comments from interested stakeholders.

The Department will consult for a 12-week period. The Department will particularly encourage responses within the initial four weeks of the consultation period. Views received during this time will be used to inform the Department's initial allocation of funds to its business areas and Arms' Length Bodies, as well as any early mitigations that can be put in place.

Responses received between week 5 and week 12 of the consultation will be used to consider further mitigation measures, to inform in-year budget reallocation processes, and to direct any additional funding (or further reductions) that emerge over the course of the financial year.

The Budget document, Equality Screening Form and Comments Form have been placed on the Departmental website at:

[Consultations | The Executive Office \(executiveoffice-ni.gov.uk\)](https://www.executiveoffice-ni.gov.uk/consultations)

The preferred method of feedback on the budget consultation is via the Citizen Space questionnaire that has been developed to encourage the expression of views across a few key areas. This can be accessed through the Citizen Space website at:

[Consultation Questions for Public Input](#)

Alternatively, comments on the Executive Office's 2023-24 Budget allocation and Equality Impact Assessment can be submitted to the following email address: rff.feedback@executiveoffice-ni.gov.uk, or alternatively posted to:

Reference: 2023-2024 TEO Budget Consultation
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Please focus responses on the six main consultation questions listed in the consultation document and on the comments form.

Emails and forms should be marked: '2023-24 Budget Consultation'.

Replies should be sent by **7 June 2023** (for the first phase) and/or **2 August 2023** (for the second phase)

If you have any queries regarding these documents please contact Andy McCaw on (028) 9037 8618.

Yours faithfully

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