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Boyle, Ms Michaela (West Tyrone) *(until 3 May 2019)*
Bradley, Maurice (East Londonderry)
Bradley, Ms Paula (North Belfast)
Bradley, Ms Sinéad (South Down)
Bradshaw, Ms Paula (South Belfast)
Buchanan, Keith (Mid Ulster)
Buchanan, Thomas (West Tyrone)
Buckley, Jonathan (Upper Bann)
Bunting, Ms Joanne (East Belfast)
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Gildernew, Ms Michelle (Fermanagh and South Tyrone) *(until 9 June 2017)*
Girvan, Paul (South Antrim) *(until 9 June 2017)*
Givan, Paul (Lagan Valley)
Hamilton, Simon (Strangford) *(until 2 September 2019)*
Hanna, Ms Claire (South Belfast) *(until 13 December 2019)*
Hargey, Ms Deirdre (South Belfast) *(from 9 January 2020)*
Harvey, Harry (Strangford) *(from 12 September 2019)*
Hazzard, Chris (South Down) *(until 9 June 2017)*
Hendron, Mrs Máire (East Belfast) *(from 1 July 2019 until 8 January 2020)*
Hilditch, David (East Antrim)
Humphrey, William (North Belfast)
Irwin, William (Newry and Armagh)
Kearney, Declan (South Antrim)
Kelly, Ms Catherine (West Tyrone) *(from 20 June 2017)*
Kelly, Mrs Dolores (Upper Bann)
Kelly, Gerry (North Belfast)
Kimmins, Ms Liz (Newry and Armagh) *(from 9 January 2020)*
Lockhart, Ms Carla (Upper Bann) *(until 13 December 2019)*
Long, Mrs Naomi (East Belfast) *(until 30 June 2019) (from 9 January 2020)*
Lunn, Trevor (Lagan Valley)
Lynch, Seán (Fermanagh and South Tyrone)
Lyons, Gordon (East Antrim)
Lyttle, Chris (East Belfast)
McAleen, Declan (West Tyrone)
McCallion, Ms Elisha (Foyle) *(until 9 June 2017)*
McCann, Fra (West Belfast)
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McCrossan, Daniel (West Tyrone)
McElduff, Barry (West Tyrone) *(until 9 June 2017)*
McGlone, Patsy (Mid Ulster)
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McNulty, Justin (Newry and Armagh)
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Mullan, Ms Karen (Foyle) *(from 20 June 2017)*
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O'Dowd, John (Upper Bann)
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Poots, Edwin (Lagan Valley)
Robinson, George (East Londonderry)
Rogan, Ms Emma (South Down) *(from 20 June 2017)*
Sheehan, Pat (West Belfast)
Sheerin, Ms Emma (Mid Ulster) *(from 4 December 2018)*
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Official Report (Hansard)

Assembly Sitings

Northern Ireland Assembly

Monday 13 March 2017

The Assembly met at 4.00 pm.

Assembly Business

Notice of First Meeting

The Clerk to the Assembly: Please be seated. In accordance with Standing Order 3(1)(a), I shall now read the notice sent under Standing Order 2(2) convening this meeting of the Assembly.

In accordance with Standing Order 2(1), I hereby give notice that the Assembly will meet, as required by section 31(4) of the Northern Ireland Act 1998, in Parliament Buildings at 4.00 pm on Monday 13 March 2017.

Please stand for the Speaker.

(Mr Speaker in the Chair)

Undertaking and Roll of Membership

Mr Speaker: Please take your seats. Before we proceed with today's business, I offer my congratulations to all of you following the election. As well as welcoming back former Members, I extend a particular welcome to those who are present in the Chamber for the first time. I would also like to put on record our appreciation to colleagues from all sides of the Chamber who either decided not to return or were not re-elected. We thank them for their service.

Item 2 in the Order Paper is the signing of the undertaking and the Roll of Membership. Standing Order 3(7) says that a Member shall take his or her seat by giving the undertaking set out in section 40A(1) of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 and then signing the Roll of Membership.

As you will not have taken your seats until I have had an opportunity to check the undertaking and the Roll, Members will not be able to participate in Assembly proceedings or be entitled to the privileges of office. This means that I cannot take any points of order during this process. Members can always raise procedural matters of concern with me outside the Chamber or seek advice from the Business Office.

I will now explain the procedures for giving the undertaking and signing the Roll of Membership. I will invite Members to come forward in their party groups. I will call the parties in alphabetical order. I will then call the independent Member. When each party name is called, I will ask the members of the party to proceed through the Aye Lobby on my right. Members should then come forward to the first table to give the undertaking.

In accordance with Standing Order 3(7), Members must give the undertaking before signing the Assembly's Roll of Membership. Members will give the undertaking by printing their name, entering the date and signing the page provided, on which the undertaking has been printed. The giving of the undertaking shall be supervised by Assembly officials. Any Member who does not give the undertaking during this item of business may do so at a later date by appointment through the Speaker's Office. A Member may not sign the Assembly's Roll of Membership unless he or she has given the undertaking in accordance with this procedure. My decision as to whether a Member has properly given the undertaking shall be final. The signed undertaking page will be kept as the official record of Members having given the undertaking.

Members should then move to the second table and sign one of the Roll pages. Again, Members should enter today's date and print and sign their name, but, for the Roll, they must also enter a designation of identity as "Nationalist", "Unionist" or "Other". Members should note that Standing Order 3(12) provides that a Member who does not enter a designation of identity in one of those terms will be deemed to be designated "Other".

The process of giving the undertaking and signing the Roll may take some time. I, therefore, ask Members for their patience during the procedure.

Before we proceed, Members might find it helpful if the undertaking is read into the record:

To undertake:

to support the rule of law unequivocally in word and deed and to support all efforts to uphold it;

to work collectively with the other members of the Assembly to achieve a society free of paramilitarism;

to challenge all paramilitary activity and associated criminality;

to call for, and to work together with the other members of the Assembly to achieve, the disbandment of all paramilitary organisations and their structures;

to challenge paramilitary attempts to control communities;

to support those who are determined to make the transition away from paramilitarism;

to accept no authority, direction or control on my political activities other than my democratic mandate alongside my own personal and party judgment.

(Mr Speaker gave the undertaking and signed the Roll of Membership)

Mr Speaker: Members, we shall now proceed. I invite members of the Alliance Party to come forward to give the undertaking and sign the Roll of Membership.

The following Members gave the undertaking and signed the Roll of Membership:

Ms Kellie Armstrong United Community

Ms Paula Bradshaw United Community

Mr Stewart Dickson United Community

Dr Stephen Farry United Community

Mr David Ford United Community

Mrs Naomi Long United Community

Mr Trevor Lunn United Community

Mr Chris Lyttle United Community

Mr Speaker: I invite members of the Democratic Unionist Party to come forward to give the undertaking and sign the Roll of Membership.

The following Members gave the undertaking and signed the Roll of Membership:

Mr Maurice Bradley Unionist

Ms Paula Bradley Unionist

Mr Keith Buchanan Unionist

Mr Thomas Buchanan Unionist

Mr Jonathan Buckley Unionist

Ms Joanne Bunting Unionist

Mrs Pam Cameron Unionist

Mr Gordon Dunne Unionist

Mr Alex Easton Unionist

Mrs Arlene Foster Unionist

Mr Paul Frew Unionist

Mr Paul Girvan Unionist

Mr Paul Givan Unionist

Mr Simon Hamilton Unionist

Mr David Hilditch Unionist

Mr William Humphrey Unionist

Mr William Irwin Unionist

Ms Carla Lockhart Unionist

Mr Gordon Lyons Unionist

Miss Michelle McIlveen Unionist

Mr Gary Middleton Unionist

Mr Edwin Poots Unionist

Mr George Robinson Unionist

Mr Christopher Stalford Unionist

Mr Mervyn Storey Unionist

Mr Peter Weir Unionist

Mr Jim Wells Unionist

Mr Speaker: I invite members of the Green Party to come forward to give the undertaking and sign the Roll of Membership.

The following Members gave the undertaking and signed the Roll of Membership:

Mr Steven Agnew European

Ms Clare Bailey Feminist

Mr Speaker: I invite the member of the People Before Profit Alliance to come forward.

The following Member gave the undertaking and signed the Roll of Membership:

Mr Gerry Carroll Socialist

Mr Speaker: I invite the members of Sinn Féin to come forward to give the undertaking and sign the Roll of Membership.

The following Members gave the undertaking and signed the Roll of Membership:

Ms Caoimhe Archibald Nationalist

Mr Cathal Boylan Nationalist

Ms Michaela Boyle Nationalist

Ms Linda Dillon Nationalist

Ms Jemma Dolan Nationalist

Ms Sinéad Ennis Nationalist

Ms Megan Fearon Nationalist

Ms Órlaithi Flynn Nationalist

Ms Michelle Gildernew Nationalist

Mr Chris Hazzard Nationalist

Mr Declan Kearney Nationalist

Mr Gerry Kelly Nationalist

Mr Seán Lynch Nationalist

Mr Declan McAleer Nationalist

Ms Elisha McCallion Nationalist
Mr Fra McCann Nationalist
Mr Raymond McCartney Nationalist
Mr Barry McElduff Nationalist
Mr Philip McGuigan Nationalist
Mr Alex Maskey Nationalist
Mr Ian Milne Nationalist
Mr Conor Murphy Nationalist
Ms Carál Ní Chuilín Nationalist
Mr Máirtín Ó Muilleoir Nationalist
Mr John O'Dowd Nationalist
Mrs Michelle O'Neill Nationalist
Mr Pat Sheehan Nationalist

Mr Speaker: I invite the members of the Social Democratic and Labour Party to come forward to give the undertaking and sign the Roll of Membership.

The following Members gave the undertaking and signed the Roll of Membership:

Ms Sinéad Bradley Nationalist
Mr Pat Catney Nationalist
Mr John Dallat Nationalist
Mr Mark Durkan Nationalist
Mr Colum Eastwood Nationalist
Ms Claire Hanna Nationalist
Mrs Dolores Kelly Nationalist
Ms Nichola Mallon Nationalist
Mr Daniel McCrossan Nationalist
Mr Patsy McGlone Nationalist
Mr Colin McGrath Nationalist
Mr Justin McNulty Nationalist

Mr Speaker: I invite the member of Traditional Unionist Voice to come forward to give the undertaking and sign the Roll of Membership.

The following Member gave the undertaking and signed the Roll of Membership:

Mr Jim Allister Unionist

Mr Speaker: I invite members of the Ulster Unionist Party to come forward to give the undertaking and sign the Roll of Membership.

The following Members gave the undertaking and signed the Roll of Membership:

Mr Steve Aiken Unionist
Mr Andy Allen Unionist
Mrs Rosemary Barton Unionist
Mr Doug Beattie Unionist
Mr Roy Beggs Unionist
Mr Alan Chambers Unionist
Mr Mike Nesbitt Unionist
Mr John Stewart Unionist
Mr Robin Swann Unionist

Mr Speaker: I invite Ms Claire Sugden to come forward to give the undertaking and sign the Roll of Membership.

The following Member gave the undertaking and signed the Roll of Membership:

Ms Claire Sugden Unionist

Mr Speaker: Finally, I invite any Member present who has not already done so to come forward to give the undertaking and sign the Roll of Membership.

I thank Members for their cooperation and patience during the giving of the undertaking and the signing of the Roll of Membership. Any Member who has not been able to do that today may do so at a later date by appointment through the Speaker's office. Standing Order 3(6) states that my decision on whether a Member has taken his or her seat is final. I can make that decision only after examining all the undertakings and entries on the Roll. After the Assembly is adjourned and I have conducted my checks, in accordance with Standing Order 3(14), the Clerk will draw up a list of the party affiliations of Members who have taken their seat. The list will be communicated to Members via an all-party notice, a copy of which will be placed in Members' pigeonholes. I encourage you to ensure that your affiliation is entered correctly.

Having consulted the Whips and the representatives of the smaller parties, I can advise that the election of Speaker will take place as the first business at the next sitting.

Adjourned at 4.46 pm.

Northern Ireland Assembly

Monday 21 October 2019

The Assembly met at 1.03 pm (Mr Speaker in the Chair).

Assembly Business

Mr Speaker: Members, I apologise for the delay in the commencement of today's sitting. The delay became necessary because I had to seek legal and procedural advice, and it was more appropriate to commence the sitting after I had received this advice rather than have this issue raised on the Floor without satisfactory consideration.

A number of Members have indicated to me that they wish to table a motion that the Standing Orders be suspended today for the purpose of allowing the Assembly to consider a private Member's Bill on the defence of the unborn child and that, if the Assembly agreed, this Bill would complete its passage today. I have given very careful consideration to this matter, and I am very clear that, further to the provisions of section 39 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998, the Assembly must elect a Speaker and Deputy Speakers, with cross-community support, as its first item of business.

The Assembly cannot undertake any further business until this happens. If the Assembly elects a Speaker and deputies with cross-community support, it can proceed to carry out further business. In line with the provisions of Standing Order 11(3), the business to be transacted at today's sitting:

"shall be the specific matter or matters referred to in the notice given to"

me as Speaker. As neither a motion to suspend the Assembly's Standing Orders nor a notice of the introduction of a Bill that should complete its passage in one day were included on the notice, those items of business cannot be transacted at this sitting.

The Assembly might carry out this business today. There are two paths that could provide for this. First, if the Assembly successfully elects a Speaker and deputies, further business can continue. That means that the Assembly will have the opportunity to agree the motion in the Order Paper that addresses the date when the Assembly shall next meet and Business Committee membership. If that motion were agreed, it would be for the Business Committee to decide when the next sitting should be and what business should be considered at that sitting. It would be for the Business Committee to decide whether it wished to have a further sitting today, at which a suspension of Standing Orders and the passage of Bills might be considered. Secondly, the provisions of Standing Order 11 allow for notice to be given to me or my successor by not fewer than 30 Members that the Assembly should meet at an earlier date than that to

which it stands adjourned, for the purpose of discussing a specific matter of urgent public importance. If a valid notice with 30 signatures were received, calling for a further sitting today, that could provide an opportunity for what has been sought. Even if a notice were received with the business proposed on it, it would still be necessary to elect a Speaker and deputies with cross-community support before any further business could be transacted. It should also be noted that any motion to suspend Standing Orders requires cross-community support.

I want to make it clear that I make these points without prejudice to any legal considerations that I or my successor might need to give in relation to the specific motion that, I understand, has been or will be tabled.

I understand that there are strongly held views involved today on both sides of very sensitive issues and we are in an extraordinary position. However, as Speaker, I also have to give very careful consideration to the procedures of the Assembly. It is reasonable to say that it cannot be considered good practice to seek to take legislation through the House on a given day without time for scrutiny or for Members to amend it. I realise that many Members will be unhappy with this ruling, but, in conclusion, I am clear that the Assembly cannot do any business until a Speaker and Deputy Speakers are elected.

Mr Givan: On a point of order, Mr Speaker. You rightly make the point about normal procedures being followed, and that is the desired way to do it — if only Westminster had done so in relation to the Northern Ireland (Executive Formation etc) Act 2019 that has forced us to this situation. That said, the points that you have raised are points that I considered, and I sought specific legal opinion from the Attorney General for Northern Ireland, who is also the guardian of the rule of law. That includes being superior to any legal counsel that exists in this place and has advised you on the issue. In respect of that, I asked about Standing Order 77. The Attorney General provided a response to that, where he says that, pursuant to Standing Order 77, this could pass to permit consideration of my Bill, which I have provided the text for. While you are aware that section 39(1), Mr Speaker, which you referred to and which intimates that the election of a Speaker should come first, section 39(1) of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 provides that, "as its first business", the Assembly shall elect "a Presiding Officer".

No adverse consequence is prescribed for the failure to elect a Presiding Officer, and the old Presiding Officer remains in office, unless conditions in section 39(2) are satisfied. If the Assembly considers that the election of a Presiding Officer is not possible, the Assembly is not

thereby placed in a straitjacket in which nothing can be done by it. The Assembly is master of its own procedure, and Standing Order 77 can permit that principle to be made effective.

The legal advice goes on to refer to section 5(5) of the Northern Ireland Act 1998, which prevents any irregularity in Assembly procedure being used to impeach the validity of an Act of the Assembly. If the Assembly were to suspend Standing Orders on the basis that the election of a new Presiding Officer is not possible, any Bill that is therefore enacted would not be any less valid, by virtue of section 5(5).

The legal opinion of the Attorney General, the guardian of the rule of law, is crystal clear on that issue. If the Assembly had ever intended to follow the procedure that you have outlined, Standing Order 77 would have inserted, “, subject to the provisions of section 39(1) and Standing Order 11(3)”. It does not, for a very genuine and real purpose, which is that this place needs to have the ability to respond in exceptional circumstances.

Mr Speaker, this is a valid, legally competent recall of the Assembly, and, as such, it is permissible, on the basis of the legal opinion that I have sought, to proceed with the suspension of Standing Orders, under Standing Order 77, and I so propose.

Some Members: Hear, hear.

Mr Allister: Further to that point of order, Mr Speaker, I agree entirely with what Mr Givan has said. This really does come down to an issue of whether or not this Assembly is master of its own proceedings. Where we find the answer to that is in both the Northern Ireland Act and Standing Orders.

Standing Order 77 provides, very emphatically and in a totally unfettered way, the opportunity for this Assembly, if it is the will of this Assembly, to suspend all Standing Orders, subject to one reservation and one only, which is that it can be done only on a cross-community vote. There is no further fetter in Standing Order 77. There is nothing that requires it to be subject to any other Standing Order or any provision in any legislation. The section in which you seem to take refuge, Mr Speaker, is section 39 of the Northern Ireland Act. You have decreed that, because it states:

“shall as its first business elect”

a Speaker — “a Presiding Officer” — it can then do none other.

As Mr Givan referred you to, however, a matter such as this has been litigated on in the highest court in the land at the time, the House of Lords, when Peter Robinson took an action against the First Minister and deputy First Minister of the time. The House of Lords ruled that, when it comes to interpreting the word “shall”, you interpret it in its context. You therefore look to see whether there is a context such as, “You shall do such-and-such, and if you don’t, these consequences flow”. When you apply that test to section 39, there is no such context. It does not state, “You shall elect a Speaker, and if you don’t, no further business shall be done”.

When you marry that to the unfettered discretion in section 39 and pay due regard to what the House of Lords said, there is absolutely, I submit, no reason that Mr Givan’s proposal to suspend Standing Orders, subject only to

cross-community support, cannot be heard, and it most certainly should be heard. If it is not, of course, there is a facility in schedule 10 to the 1998 Act for the Attorney General to test the matter elsewhere.

1.15 pm

Mr Speaker: I thank the two Members for their points of order, and I pay tribute to the research that they have done and to the knowledge of Mr Allister from his former life. Both of you will understand that I have taken legal counsel on the matter. There has been much deliberation. We have looked at historical cases, and I am clear that, with all of that — all of the advice — we are proceeding down the right and legal path in Standing Orders today.

Mr Poots: On a point of order, Mr Speaker. Given that the matter and the intention to do this was brought to your attention this morning and the time that was given to your legal advisers to research matters, did they bring to your attention that something dealing with not quite an identical but a very similar circumstance had already been tested in the highest court of the land? Did they advise you of that in allowing you to come to the decision that you have come to? It strikes me that if we are acting in defiance of what the law lords decided back in 2002, you are taking the Assembly into a very dangerous place. If that advice was not given to you, I think you would be better at this point to adjourn and seek further advice, as opposed to taking us down a path that could lead us into conflict with the courts.

Mr Speaker: You are referring to the Robinson case.

Mr Poots: Yes.

Mr Speaker: The legal advice that I was given did take into consideration the Robinson case and also took into consideration cases that have come about since the Robinson case.

Mrs Foster: Further to that point of order, Mr Speaker, having heard what my colleagues have put to you and the fact that, as I understand it, my colleagues have shared the legal advice from the Attorney General with your office, would it not be in order for you to share your legal advice with Members at this time, in order to give us the opportunity to look at it? From an equality of arms point of view, it would be the right thing to do. Given that we already delayed the sitting today, we should delay it again to allow us to look at that legal advice.

Mr Speaker: I think that that was a question that was asked at the meeting with the Whips. That would not normally be the case, and the former First Minister will understand that.

Mr Givan: On a point of order, Mr Speaker. This is an unusual and abnormal situation, and I sought the opinion of the Attorney General. I note that you have yet to say whether you have sought the opinion of the Attorney General. I requested that the Attorney General be here. He is here. He has indicated that he is available to provide you with advice. The magnitude of the decision that you are taking, Mr Speaker, is contrary to the wishes of those who want to put forward the Bill. However, your decision remains to be tested. I therefore appeal to you to adjourn the meeting, have a meeting with the Attorney General and go through the issues. Then you will have taken the advice that we have, and you can come to a more definitive position, based on all the information. I implore you to do so.

Mr Speaker: I have taken the counsel of Legal Services in the Assembly on the matter. I indicated to you that it has considered the cases that you made reference to and the cases that Mr Allister made reference to, and I have set out two paths that Members can pursue, if they are willing to go down those paths. I am clear, and I do not take this matter lightly — believe me, I do not take this matter lightly — what my responsibilities are, and I am content that the advice given to me is in line with the best legal advice.

Mr Poots: Further to that, Mr Speaker. The Member for Fermanagh and South Tyrone did request that that advice was shared, and you said that would be unusual or abnormal. That, of course, was tested in another place with regards to the advice relating to Brexit from the Attorney General to the Prime Minister, and of course it was the case that the Parliament actually did receive the advice. I would formally request that you do provide us with that advice and that we have an opportunity to scrutinise that advice and adjourn for a period of time to allow that to happen.

Mr Speaker: I do acknowledge the case in Parliament that you outlined. I was asked the question at the meeting with the Whips. We do not normally share that advice, but I have indicated to you the breadth of the advice which the legal staff in the Assembly have given consideration to.

Mrs Foster: Further to that point of order, I have to say, Mr Speaker, you mention you would not normally share legal advice and we know that. This is not a normal sitting of the Assembly. This is a sitting to deal with some of the most fundamental issues that can affect our society today, and I implore you to take an adjournment to allow us to have that legal advice so that we can have that equality of arms, and I have to say, as well, to say that you have taken the breadth of legal advice and that you are satisfied with that legal advice, whilst not acknowledging the fact that the Attorney General has given different legal advice, is not the right route to go down. I implore you once again to share the legal advice with all the Members of this Assembly, even those who are not here, so that we can take a fully informed view about this matter, because these are abnormal days, Mr Speaker, and we are in a very abnormal situation.

Mr Speaker: You will understand there is a discussion going on at the Table here. At the risk of repeating myself again: I have taken counsel on the matter. I am content with the advice that has been offered. I have already indicated that. The legal advice is confidential and privileged, and I think, really, on this decision, I know this will not be readily accepted, but the decision on the questions of procedure and advice is final.

Mr Givan: On a point of order, Mr Speaker, further to that. Further to the points of order that have been raised, you have indicated that you have outlined a pathway for this motion to be brought forward. The problem with that is it is not a pathway; it is a cul-de-sac to the same problem that we cannot overcome, which is the election of a Speaker. Members opposite have indicated they are not supporting the election of a Speaker. Therefore, based on your decision, we are handcuffed and you are handcuffing the Assembly from, in my view and the view of the Attorney General, continuing to carry out its business, which we can do under Standing Order 77, recognising the unusual circumstances that we face. Now, I appreciate that you are taking advice from those beside you and notes are

coming in from your legal team, and it is rather unseemly, Mr Speaker.

I would again say, "Adjourn. Put us in a room. Bring the Attorney General into that room with your legal people, so that you, Mr Speaker, alone take this decision". Advice is advice. You, under law, are the decision maker, and we want to ensure that you have all the information at your disposal. Not hearing directly from the Attorney General, I feel, is not providing you with the information and it is not treating the issue with the seriousness that, I believe, it deserves. It is, ultimately and gravely, a matter of life and death.

Mr Speaker: I do not think that I can add anything to what I have already said, Mr Givan, in response to all the previous Members who spoke.

If there are no other points of order, we will move on.

Mr Eastwood: On a point of order in terms of the election of Speaker, Mr Speaker. I —

Mr Speaker: I just ask you to remain seated. Let me follow out the normal procedures, and then we will have an opportunity for points of order.

Member Resignations and Appointments

Mr Speaker: I wish to advise you that, since the Assembly's last sitting, on 13 March 2017, several Members have resigned or ceased to be Members of the Assembly under the Northern Ireland Assembly Disqualification Act 1975. A number of new Members have also taken their seats.

I refer you to all-party notice 208-17/22 that I have issued today, which provides the dates of each resignation and the date when each new Member took their seat by giving the undertaking, signing the Roll of Membership and entering their designations. This was done in my presence or that of a Deputy Speaker and the Clerk/Chief Executive. I welcome the new Members and wish them well.

Since the sitting on Monday 13 March 2017, the following Members have resigned:

Ms Michelle Gildernew, Sinn Féin, Fermanagh and South Tyrone, 9 June 2017.

Mr Paul Girvan, DUP, South Antrim, 9 June 2017.

Mr Chris Hazzard, Sinn Féin, South Down, 9 June 2017.

Ms Elisha McCallion, Sinn Féin, Foyle, 9 June 2017.

Mr Barry McElduff, Sinn Féin, West Tyrone, 9 June 2017.

Mr David Ford, Alliance, South Antrim, 30 June 2018.

Mr Ian Milne, Sinn Féin, Mid Ulster, 3 December 2018.

Ms Michaela Boyle, Sinn Féin, West Tyrone, 3 May 2019.

Mrs Naomi Long, Alliance, East Belfast, 30 June 2019.

Mr Simon Hamilton, DUP, Strangford, 2 September 2019.

Mr Steven Agnew, Green Party, North Down, 30 September 2019.

Since the sitting on Monday 13 March 2017, the following Members have taken their seats by giving the undertaking and signing the Roll of Membership:

Mr Robbie Butler, UUP, Lagan Valley, 14 March 2017.

*Mr Colm Gildernew, Sinn Féin,
Fermanagh and South Tyrone, 20 June 2017.*

Ms Catherine Kelly, Sinn Féin, West Tyrone, 20 June 2017.

Ms Karen Mullan, Sinn Féin, Foyle, 20 June 2017.

Ms Emma Rogan, Sinn Féin, South Down, 20 June 2017.

Mr Trevor Clarke, DUP, South Antrim, 28 June 2017.

Mr John Blair, Alliance, South Antrim, 2 July 2017.

*Ms Emma Sheerin, Sinn Féin, Mid Ulster,
4 December 2018.*

*Mr Maolíosa McHugh, Sinn Féin, West Tyrone,
20 May 2019.*

Mrs Máire Hendron, Alliance, East Belfast, 1 July 2019.

Mr Harry Harvey, DUP, Strangford, 12 September 2019.

*Miss Rachel Woods, Green Party, North Down,
7 October 2019.*

Mr Speaker: Before we proceed with the first item of business and before I take any points of order, I want to acknowledge that Members on all sides have very strong views about being here today and, indeed, to make two points. First, there are legal constraints on how much business we can conduct today, depending on the decisions the Assembly takes. I will address those issues as we proceed, but it is important that everyone's expectations are clear about the form from the start. Secondly and more importantly, Members are aware that our sitting today is in the context of some extremely sensitive issues. Members will feel passionately about them and will have the right to express them. However, Members also have a responsibility to express those views and to listen to the views of others respectfully. Many others will be watching these proceedings, and the Assembly should set an example for the wider debate in our community. Therefore, I remind Members of the importance of tone and respect. If that is clear, we will move on, and I will take the point of order.

Mr Eastwood: Thank you, Mr Speaker. Given the fact that the Good Friday Agreement envisages an Assembly, a power-sharing Executive, North/South Ministerial Council and other bodies, is it the case, today, that, if we do not have the nominating officer here from Sinn Féin, no Executive will be formed? Therefore, we will not be able to have an Executive, Northern Ireland Assembly or North/South Ministerial Council. It is our clear view — it is the Good Friday Agreement's clear view — that the best way to effect any change to any legislation is to do it within the confines of those structures and that it will not happen as part of a shadow Assembly. We will not be part of supporting the introduction of a shadow Assembly that will effect no change at all but will lead only to the fundamental destruction of the Good Friday Agreement.

Is it the case, Mr Speaker, that without Members here present to my right, or who should be to my right, that there will not be an Executive formed today? If that is the case, we will be in no position to support a Speaker and allow for the undermining of the Good Friday Agreement through a unionist-dominated shadow Assembly.

Mr Speaker: The Member has moved way beyond my duties today. My duties today are to provide for, at the

commencement of this, the election of a Speaker and Deputy Speakers.

If a Speaker and Deputy Speakers are elected, the role of the incoming Speaker will be to move forward on the election of the other office holders. To elect a Speaker and Deputy Speakers, we require cross-community support.

1.30 pm

Mr Allister: On a point of order, Mr Speaker. Is it correct that if the Assembly were to elect a Speaker and Deputy Speakers but was not able to form an Executive, it could, nonetheless, proceed to do business in this House, which could include private Member's Bills to seek to make legislation? Therefore, does it follow, if that is correct, that those determined to thwart the election of a Speaker are, in effect, thwarting the possibility of taking action to defend the unborn, whose voice cannot be heard here today but whose voice is the one crying out to us all in this Chamber? Is it not a tragedy that the SDLP, who proclaim themselves as a pro-life party, will take a step, it seems, to stop a Speaker being elected knowing that that stops legislation to prevent the introduction of section 9 of the appalling Act from July? Are both those things correct?

Mr Eastwood: Further to that point of order, Mr Speaker.

Mr Speaker: Let me respond to Mr Allister first, and then we will come to you.

Mr Allister, you are quite clear about, and I do not think you need me to explain to you, the procedures and the non-adhering to the procedures. If the ministerial offices are not filled, this does not prevent the Assembly from proceeding to debate private Member's motions or having further sittings to consider non-Executive business.

Mr Allister: That is right, Mr Speaker, and legislation.

Mr Eastwood: Mr Allister has made my point for me. The Good Friday Agreement is absolutely 100% clear. The power-sharing Executive, the Northern Ireland Assembly, the North-South Ministerial Council: at any point over the last 1,000-plus days, those institutions could have been restored. People on these Benches have tried hard. We have offered proposals to get those institutions back in place, but it is absolutely clear to us today, notwithstanding any particular issue, that no issue will be dealt with by this House or by an Executive unless two of the parties — the DUP and Sinn Féin — get their act together and get an Assembly and Executive formed.

Some Members: Hear, hear.

Mr Eastwood: That is why we are here today. We will gladly take part in those institutions but we will not be party to a stunt that is using and abusing people's emotions and sensitivities over a very difficult issue, which could have been dealt with at any point over the last 1,000 days. However, because this is not a serious attempt to do that and because it will only undermine the principles of the Good Friday Agreement and the fundamental thing the people voted for, we will not participate in this stunt any longer and we will not provide cross-community support for the election of a Speaker. Thank you.

Mr Allister: Further to that point of order, Mr Speaker.

Mr Speaker: Let me just respond [*Interruption.*]

Mr Stalford: On a point of order, Mr Speaker.
[Interruption.]

Mr Beggs: On a point of order, Mr Speaker.

Mr Speaker: I will take a point of order from Mr Allister and then Mr Stalford.

Mr Allister: Could you just clarify, Mr Speaker? You have already said that if a Speaker was elected — and the SDLP, clearly, are of a mind to thwart that — the Assembly could debate motions. Could it also, then, at that stage, suspend its Standing Orders to allow the introduction of private Member's Bills? So, by stopping the election of a Speaker, not only are motions being prevented but the opportunity through Standing Order 77 is being thwarted to actually pass legislation on this issue.

Mr Speaker: You already know the answer to your question. Until we elect a Speaker and Deputy Speakers, we are not going anywhere. Mr Stalford.

Mr Stalford: It is all right.

Mr Speaker: Mr Roy Beggs.

Mr Beggs: On a point of order, Mr Speaker. Will the Speaker acknowledge that it is the changes that were brought into the running of this Assembly and the appointment of the First Minister and the deputy First Minister following St Andrews that have created this impasse?

Mr Speaker: Can you say that again, Mr Beggs?

Mr Beggs: Will the Speaker acknowledge that the changes to the procedures in this Assembly for the appointment of the First Minister and the deputy First Minister have actually put a blockage in the system where one or other of the big parties can prevent the establishment of the Executive and thereby they are abusing their position of power?

Mr Speaker: That may be something you feel, but that is a political point rather than a point of order for today's proceedings.

Ms Sugden: On a point of order, Mr Speaker. Further to Mr Allister's point around the opportunity to table private Member's legislation in the absence of a Northern Ireland Executive, will the Speaker confirm whether, given that the passage through the Assembly requires a Committee Stage, legislation can actually fully pass through this House, given the fact that Committees cannot be established in the absence of a Northern Ireland Executive? In saying that, does that mean that any attempts to try to pass legislation in the absence of a Northern Ireland Executive will indeed fall and a lot of this exercise is fruitless?

Mr Speaker: The answer, really, Ms Sugden, is that we do not need Statutory Committees for it to happen.

Mr Givan: On a point of order, Mr Speaker. In light of your decision not to suspend Standing Orders and to allow that motion to proceed, which I deeply regret that you have taken, given the issues and given the genuine motivation of what today was about, I want to commend those organisations and the tens of thousands who came to this place who wanted MLAs to get back in here, and I want to commend our constituents across Northern Ireland who want us to get back and deal with health, education

and infrastructure: all of the everyday issues that we are elected to resolve.

The SDLP have now decided that they will not support the election of a Speaker. Therefore, that thwarts the opportunity for an election to take place, which would have created an Assembly that has legislative powers; it would not be a shadow Assembly. The people are crying out that we reach out towards each other, that we stop poking each other in the eye, or we are going to go blind. We need people on the other side of this Chamber to respond to those of us who want to work with them, and that goes for all those who are not here. However, they have decided not to participate, and that is something that I think the public will fail to understand. This institution provides a platform for us to have those debates and those conversations and to build relationships. That should be happening. It is what the people expect. Therefore, because the SDLP are not here, the election of a Speaker cannot now take place, and, therefore, we will no longer as a party be participating in the rest of these proceedings, and we will be leaving the Chamber now, Mr Speaker. Thank you.

Mr Allister: On a point of order, Mr Speaker. You have been very generous in relation to points of order, but could I make two points? Until this moment, until this day in Northern Ireland, the safest place for an unborn child was in the sanctuary of its mother's womb. Sadly, from tonight, the most dangerous place for some unborn will be in the mother's womb because the wanton decision can be taken to kill them. That is really what we are talking about, and that is something which rightly provokes a lot of feeling. It is a matter of immense regret to me that this House has not been able to face up to that situation.

The second point I wanted to make is that it is an illustration of the absurdity of the governmental arrangements in this place that a party such as Sinn Féin, which does not even want Northern Ireland to exist, can, by a veto, prevent this House from effectively doing any business. Unless and until that is changed, there is no hope for these institutions.

Mr Speaker: That is a political opinion, and obviously you have placed your concerns on record, Mr Allister.

Mr Stalford: On a point of order, Mr Speaker. You have been asked on more than one occasion by my colleague the Member for Fermanagh and South Tyrone whether you will indeed publish the legal advice that you were given. I think that it is important that we see that in the context of the fact that the Attorney General, the most senior law officer in Northern Ireland, gave advice that would have allowed for the opportunity for the motion to be debated here. I really think that it is important that people see the advice upon which the decision was made that this House would not be in a position to save the lives of unborn children.

Mr Speaker: You have placed your concerns on record.

Mrs Foster: Further to that point of order, Mr Speaker, before we leave this place today, it is incumbent upon me — I am thankful to Mr Allister for raising the points that he raised — to say how terribly sad I am today about this situation. We had the opportunity today to elect a Speaker. We had the opportunity today to bring forward legislation to stop Stella Creasy's amendment coming into effect into Northern Ireland, a place that we are all very proud of and a place where today we will have the most liberal abortion laws anywhere in Europe. Just think of that for a moment:

Northern Ireland will have the most liberal abortion laws anywhere in Europe.

I think this is a shameful day for those who have not come. I think that, when they reflect on it and when we realise that we have no regulatory system now in place for abortions in Northern Ireland, that it is something that has been decriminalised by 12 o'clock this evening, it is with incredible sadness that we should mark this day. There will be some who will celebrate today. I have to say that this is not a day for celebration for the unborn. It is certainly not a day of celebration for them.

We may not have been able to prevent this legislation going through today, but let me say this: this is not the end of the matter. As far as this party is concerned, we will take every possible legal option open to us to try to stop it. If it comes into force tonight, there are other options in terms of repealing, and we will make sure that we do everything we can in our conscience to protect the life of the unborn.

Some Members: Hear, hear. *[Applause.]*

Mr Swann: On a point of order, Mr Speaker. In light of where we are now in the Chamber and those who are present, we will not be nominating someone for Speaker. I think the Chamber and Northern Ireland have lost a very important and credible institution today with the actions in the Chamber, because I think there is a clear signal now to the people of Northern Ireland, to the people who are no longer in the Chamber, that they devalue democracy in Northern Ireland. We are a democratic party. We believe in the devolved institutions of Northern Ireland. With what we have seen here today, I call now on the Secretary of State to implement serious five-party intensive talks to see whether this place is actually worth restoring. The fact is that it is only ourselves, the TUV and the independent Member for East Londonderry who are sitting in here, who realise the opportunity that has been missed. Over 1,000 days, a health service crumbling, school principals not knowing where their budget lies, our infrastructure falling apart, business not knowing whether it is worthwhile being in Northern Ireland any more, and we have missed this opportunity today. There were serious issues that could have been talked about. There are serious issues that affect everybody in Northern Ireland, and this pantomime, this fiasco today, has I think demonstrated, surely, to the Secretary of State that now is the time to give serious consideration to whether this place has any future.

Some Members: Hear, hear.

Mr Speaker: You will understand that the points that you are making are political points and not within my remit to respond to, Mr Swann.

Ms Sugden: On a point of order, Mr Speaker. Will you confirm that any legislation that this House may pass would indeed be compatible with the Westminster legislation, given that this House is subordinate to the Westminster Chamber?

I suppose what I am saying is that, if we were to be successful in passing any legislation in the House, would it supersede the legislation that will come into effect tomorrow or at midnight tonight?

1.45 pm

Mr Speaker: Sorry, Miss Sugden, I am not quite clear about what you are saying, but legislation that is made in Northern Ireland would be Northern Ireland legislation and would not, as I understand, be subordinate to the legislation made in Westminster. That is my understanding.

Mr Swann: On a point of order, Mr Speaker. The Ulster Unionist Party had tabled a recall motion for tomorrow, and I think that we have gained over 30 signatures, but, given what we have seen here today, we have withdrawn our names from that petition, so I do not think that tomorrow will go ahead either.

Mr Speaker: Thank you, Mr Swann.

Members, having been given notice by not fewer than 30 Members, under Standing Order 11, I have summoned the Assembly to meet here today for the purpose of conducting the items of business that appear in the Order Paper. Before we can proceed, I want to make clear the procedural constraints on this sitting.

Section 39(1) of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 provides:

"Each Assembly shall as its first business elect from among its members a Presiding Officer and deputies."

Therefore, the Assembly cannot conduct any further business until a Speaker and at least two Deputy Speakers have been elected. Members should be clear: if a Speaker and at least two Deputy Speakers are not elected, no further business can proceed. I am aware that contrary views on the matter have been expressed, but it is universal practice elsewhere that their first action is the election of a Speaker. It is a matter of common sense, as, I am sure, Members will recognise. Legally, we cannot proceed to conduct any business, including the appointment of Ministers, without first electing a Speaker and deputies. Members need to take the decisions that will enable the business of the Assembly to proceed.

Election of Speaker

Mr Speaker: The first item of business is the election of the Speaker, and I will remain in the Chair for this process. I wish to advise Members that the election of the Speaker will be conducted under the procedures set out in Standing Order 4. I will begin by asking for nominations. Any Member may rise to propose that another Member be elected as Speaker. I will then ask for the proposal to be seconded by another Member, as required by Standing Order 14. Members who have been proposed will be asked whether they are willing to accept the nomination. If they are not, that proposal will fall. I will then ask for a further proposal and will follow the same procedures for each. When it appears that there are no further proposals, I will make it clear that the time for proposals has passed.

If Members indicate that they wish to speak, a debate relevant to the election of Speakers may then take place. Members will be allowed up to three minutes. At the conclusion of the debate or the conclusion of the nominations, if there are no requests to speak, I shall put the Question that the Member first proposed shall be Speaker of the Assembly. The vote will be on a cross-community basis. If the proposal is not carried, I shall put the Question in relation to the next nominee and so on until all nominations are exhausted. Once a Speaker has been elected, all other nominations will fall automatically. Do I have any proposals for the role of Speaker?

Mr Swann: Mr Speaker, we will not nominate.

Mr Speaker: Sorry, Mr Swann. No nominations?

Mr Swann: We will not nominate.

Mr Speaker: Members have been unable to elect my successor today, so the matter will be revisited at a future date. We will move on to the next item of business, for which I will remain in the Chair.

Election of Deputy Speakers

Mr Speaker: Members, I am required to move on to the next item of business in the Order Paper, which is the election of Deputy Speakers, just to complete the process. The procedure for electing Deputy Speakers will be the same as for the election of the Speaker. I will ask for proposals, which must be seconded, and I will continue in that way until there are no further proposals.

Do I have any proposals for the office of Deputy Speaker of the Assembly?

Mr Swann: Out of courtesy to you, Mr Speaker, and to this place, we will leave the Chamber now, and you will have no quorum. I propose that the sitting be suspended.

Mr Speaker: There are no nominations for Deputy Speaker.

Adjourned at 1.51 pm.

Written Answers

This section contains the written answers to questions tabled by Members.

The content of the responses is as received at the time from the relevant Minister or representative of the Assembly Commission, and it has not been subject to the official reporting (Hansard) process or changed.

Northern Ireland Assembly

Written Answers

Northern Ireland Assembly Commission

April 2017

Mr Carroll asked the Assembly Commission in relation to the implementation of zero-hour contracts for Euresst staff working at the Assembly, to detail (i) whether it is aware of these contracts; and (ii) how it will address the implementation of these contracts.

(AQW 1/17-22)

Mr Dickson (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): At present the NIAC is aware that Euresst employ 12 members of staff on Non-Guaranteed Hour (NGH) contracts. The NIAC currently pays for all Euresst staff labour under the Support Services Contract. However, Euresst retain all responsibility for employing staff to provide the various services under the Support Services Contract, and as such the issue of contracts of employment remain with the contractor.

At the outset it should be noted that Parliament Buildings does not operate in the same way as a standard NICS/office building and frequently requires services to be delivered beyond normal office working hours, for example for functions/events the number of which can vary from week to week. In addition, Euresst are also expected, when necessary, to be reactive in providing quality services should Plenary sessions be extended or indeed should the Assembly be recalled at short notice.

June 2017

Mr Carroll asked the Assembly Commission whether former MLAs, who are members of the Assembly Commission, still receive an MLA salary; and to list the members currently in receipt of such payments.

(AQW 2/17-22)

Mr Wells (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The level of remuneration for Members and Assembly officeholders is set by the Assembly Members (Salaries and Expenses) Determination (Northern Ireland) 2016. However, the legal provisions for how and when the remuneration is to be applied is established under section 47 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 ('the 1998 Act').

For Members of the Assembly Commission, section 47 (10) of the 1998 Act provides that:

"for the purposes of this section a person who is a member of the Assembly immediately before the Assembly is dissolved shall be treated (a) if he continues to hold office as a Minister or junior minister, as Presiding Officer or deputy or as a member of the Northern Ireland Assembly Commission, as if he were a member of the Assembly until the end of the day on which he ceases to hold office."

A Member of the Assembly Commission (including a former Member of the Assembly) will cease to hold office when a new Assembly Commission is appointed. This normally takes place within 28 days of the first meeting of the Assembly. Given the political situation following the Assembly election on 2 March 2017, it has not yet been possible to appoint a new Assembly Commission. Therefore, all individuals who were Members of the Assembly Commission at the date of dissolution on 25 January 2017 retain the office and receive a salary on that basis.

Mr Alex Attwood was not returned following the Assembly election on 2 March 2017 but retains office as a Member of the Assembly Commission.

It is normal that an outgoing Commission does not meet during a dissolution period - except in the case of urgent business - and that standard business is held for the successor Commission appointed by the new Assembly. Given the extended period since the election, the current Commission has continued to do business by written procedure. The Commission also met on 30 May and agreed to hold a further meeting in early July should there be no political agreement by the end of June.

October 2017

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission whether the votes cast within the Commission reflect the party strengths of the current Assembly or the last Assembly.

(AQW 3/17-22)

Mr Maskey (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The Assembly Commission Handbook details the procedures on voting including the following:

Should a weighted vote be necessary, the number of votes which may be cast by a Commission member for the party to which he or she belongs will be calculated by reference to the party affiliation of members who were elected and signed the Roll of Membership in March 2017. There have been no changes, including subsequent co-options, which have affected this calculation. Party membership in the last Assembly (that is, the Assembly which met between May 2016 and January 2017) will not be taken into account.

This is unaffected by the fact that the outgoing Assembly Commission members continue to hold office pending the new Assembly being able to appoint members of a successor Commission.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission to detail the monthly level of catering subsidy for each month in the last 12 months.

(AQW 4/17-22)

Mr Swann (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The Commission requires that catering services are provided during business hours and for events / functions. Where the cost of providing these services exceeds the monies taken in, the extra cost is incurred by the Assembly. This operating cost is sometimes referred to as a subsidy.

The table below sets out the overall operating cost for catering for each month in the last 12 months (September 2016 to August 2017 – the figures for September 2017 are not yet available).

Month	Catering Operating Cost
September 2016	£23,879.80
October 2016	£11,643.53
November 2016	£26,872.26
December 2016	£14,861.82
January 2017	£34,789.41
February 2017	£30,463.58
March 2017	£22,044.92
April 2017	£31,745.86
May 2017	£22,538.16
June 2017	£9,037.14
July 2017	£34,065.70
August 2017	£28,967.59

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission to outline the contracts that have been extended since 1 March 2017, including (i) the date of each extension; and (ii) with whom in each case.

(AQW 5/17-22)

Mr Dickson (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The contracts extended since 1 March 2017 are set out in the table below.

Contracts Extended

Requirement	Extension Date	Extended With
Support Services Contract (catering, cleaning, etc.)	July 17	Eurest
Microsoft Premier Support	June 17	Microsoft
Bill Template Software	September 17	Propylon
Microsoft Enterprise Agreement	June 17	Microsoft
Security Management System	July 17	ADT
HR Management System	July 17	Midland HR
Mobile Phones	June 17	EE
Wireless LAN Replacement	September 17	BT
Employee Assistance	September 17	Workplace Matters

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission what expenditure has been incurred since 1 March 2017.
(AQW 6/17-22)

Mr Wells (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The Assembly Commission produces monthly accounts which detail the expenditure incurred across a number of expenditure categories. The expenditure incurred from 1 March 2017 to 31 August 2017 is shown in the table below.

Assembly Commission Expenditure from 1 March 2017 to 31 August 2017 (£000)

Income	(£67)
Secretariat Salaries	£7,699
Admin costs (see footnote 1)	£2,848
Members' Salaries	£2,822
Members' Other Costs (see footnote 2)	£469
Members' Travel (see footnote 3)	£155
Constituency Costs including Staff Costs (see footnote 4)	£3,058
Party Allowance	£360
Loss on disposal of fixed assets (see footnote 5)	£149
Total	£17,493

*1 This represents the Admin Costs associated with the provision of services in Parliament Buildings;

*2 This includes Winding Up, Resettlement and certain Members' support staff costs;

*3 This includes Members' Assembly and Constituency Travel Allowances;

*4 This includes Members' costs for constituency office rent, rates, mobile phones, Support Staff costs and establishment costs;

*5 This was a technical change in the accounting treatment of a specific group of assets that were previously accounted for as fixed assets but are now required to be accounted for as revenue items.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission to outline the contracts that have been entered in to since 1 March 2017, including (i) the date of each contract; and (ii) with whom in each case.

(AQW 7/17-22)

Mr Dickson (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The contracts that have been entered into since 1 March 2017 are set out in the table below.

Contracts Entered Into

Requirement	Award Date	Awarded To
Social Media Training	June 17	Web Bureau
EpiServer Assurance Licenses	October 17	Dot Centric
EPIServer Support and Maintenance	March 17	Dot Centric
Network Infrastructure Support	March 17	Planet 21
Origination and Formatting of Bound Volumes	April 17	S. Cullen
Support to Assembly Education Website	Annually Renewed	CCEA
Supply and Delivery of Monographs	July 17	EBSCO & Askews and Holts
Subscriptions to 36 Journals covering various topics	Annually Renewed	Various journals
Stationery & IT Consumables Call Off Contract	August 17	Banner
Gas Supply for Parliament Buildings	April 17	Led by DoF – CPD Framework
Finance System Maintenance and Support	May 17	Sysco
Web Streaming	April 17	Pi Communications
Provision of Temporary Workers Call Off	April 17	Various via CPD Framework

Requirement	Award Date	Awarded To
Support to Organisational Development	July 17	Journey Partners
60 Conferences and training events	Various from March 17	Various training providers
Legal and other reference resources	July 17	Lexis Nexis
Independent grievance investigation	July 2017	Graham White

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission for an update on its review of the policy affecting the flying of the Union flag from Parliament Buildings.

(AQW 8/17-22)

Mr Maskey (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): Following the Assembly Commission's agreement to review its policy on the flying of the Union flag at Parliament Buildings and to carry out an Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA) to consider the potential equality of opportunity and good relations impacts of any changes to the policy, a full public consultation was held from 27 October 2014 to 2 February 2015.

Policy Arc, an independent consultancy company, facilitating the consultation, produced a report to assist the Assembly Commission in making its decision on the review of the policy. This EQIA Final Decision Report was presented to the Commission on 17 June 2015. At that meeting, the Commission agreed by majority to adopt one of the report's recommendations: to fly the Union flag from Parliament Buildings on designated days as defined by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) — currently 18 days per annum, an increase of three days on the previous policy.

The EQIA Final Decision Report also proposed a number of measures to mitigate any potential adverse impact that the flag policy may have on the promotion of equality of opportunity and on the promotion of a good and harmonious working environment within Parliament Buildings. It stated that whatever decision was made on the flying of the Union flag, the Commission may wish to consider a number of mitigating measures.

At the Commission meeting held on 3 March 2016, Members received an update on these mitigating measures including a draft civic occasions protocol but no agreement has been reached by the Commission.

While the monitoring of the impact of the flag policy was provided to Commission Members on 16 August 2017 as part of the annual Equality Progress Report, the present Commission is focused on dealing with matters arising from the delay in the Assembly returning to full business. Therefore, it is unlikely that this issue will be revisited before the Assembly appoints Members to a successor Commission that will consider its own priorities.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission for an update on plans to permit an exhibition of historic artefacts presently in storage.

(AQW 9/17-22)

Mr Swann (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The Assembly Commission previously considered a request to permit an exhibition of artefacts in the building. It concluded that it was not appropriate at that time. The matter was to be reviewed following receipt of a full inventory and associated valuations of the artefacts.

However, the present Commission is currently focused on dealing with matters arising from the delay in the Assembly returning to full business. It is unlikely, therefore, that this issue will be revisited before the Assembly appoints Members to a successor Commission and considers its own priorities.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission to expound the legal basis upon which a non-elected person can fulfil the function of an elected member on the Assembly Commission.

(AQW 10/17-22)

Mr Dickson (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): Schedule 5, paragraph 1 to the Northern Ireland Act 1998 provides that a person appointed to the Assembly Commission:

“shall hold office until another member of the Assembly is appointed in his place, unless he previously resigns or ceases to be a member of the Assembly otherwise than by virtue of a dissolution.”

Dissolution does not terminate a person's membership of the Commission, even if that person is not subsequently re-elected to the Assembly. However, standing order 79(1) provides for an Assembly to appoint members of the Commission from among its members within 28 days of the first sitting of that Assembly, which will normally mean that a Commission member who is not returned will quickly cease to hold office.

Following the election of 2 March 2017, however, the Assembly has not yet been in a position to appoint new members to the Commission, and in accordance with the Northern Ireland Act 1998, current members of the Assembly Commission will hold office until replacements are appointed by this Assembly.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission whether it obtained legal advice enabling it to carry on expending money and otherwise exercising authority on behalf of an Assembly that did not appoint it.

(AQW 11/17-22)

Mr Wells (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The Assembly Commission is established under the provisions of section 40 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 ('the 1998 Act'). The Commission is a corporate body, distinct from the Assembly, and acts under the authority of the provisions of the 1998 Act. The Commission continues to exist and discharge the full range of statutory functions set out in the 1998 Act notwithstanding changes in its membership, which may occur from time to time.

Continuity is provided to the functions of the Commission by Schedule 5, paragraph 1 to the Northern Ireland Act 1998 which provides that a person appointed to the Assembly Commission:

"shall hold office until another member of the Assembly is appointed in his place, unless he previously resigns or ceases to be a member of the Assembly otherwise than by virtue of a dissolution."

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission for a breakdown of how much has been paid to each member of the Assembly Commission in 2017.

(AQW 12/17-22)

Mr Maskey (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The annual salary for a member of the Assembly Commission is set out in Paragraph 1(4) of the Assembly Members (Salaries and Expenses) Determination (Northern Ireland) 2016. From 1 April 2017, the annual salary is £55,500. From January 2017 to March 2017, the equivalent annual salary was £55,000. Table 1, below, provides a breakdown of salary payable to the members of the Assembly Commission from 1 January 2017 to 30 September 2017. While the Assembly Commission is chaired by the Speaker, the salary shown is the salary payable to him as Speaker. He receives no additional remuneration for the role of Chair of the Assembly Commission.

Table 1: Salary paid to members of the Assembly Commission from 1 January 2017 to 30 September 2017

	Actual to date
Attwood, Alex	£41,500
Dickson, Stewart	£41,500
Hussey, Ross (to 23 Jan 17)	£3,664
Maskey, Alex	£41,500
Newton, Robin*	£65,500
Swann, Robin (from 25 Jan 17)	£37,804
Wells, Jim	£41,500

* Salary payable as Speaker not as Chair of the Commission

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission to outline the policy applicable to the use of rooms in Parliament Buildings by Northern Ireland Office staff and ministers.

(AQW 13/17-22)

Mr Swann (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The Assembly welcomes a wide range of parliamentarians, diplomats, government ministers, dignitaries and other delegations to Parliament Buildings. As part of these inward visits rooms are made available within Parliament Buildings for official meetings between the visiting delegations and Northern Ireland Assembly Members or staff.

Rooms within Parliament Buildings can be booked as set out in the 'Events in Parliament Buildings and its Grounds Policy (2016)'. Further details on the policy can be found via the following link:

<http://www.niassembly.gov.uk/about-the-assembly/corporate-information/policies/events-in-parliament-buildings-and-its-grounds-policy/>

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission to outline the policy applicable to the use of rooms in Parliament Buildings by staff and ministers of the Government of the Republic of Ireland.

(AQW 14/17-22)

Mr Swann (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The Assembly welcomes a wide range of parliamentarians, diplomats, government ministers, dignitaries and other delegations to Parliament Buildings. As part of these inward visits rooms are made available within Parliament Buildings for official meetings between the visiting delegations and Northern Ireland Assembly Members or staff.

Rooms within Parliament Buildings can be booked as set out in the 'Events in Parliament Buildings and its Grounds Policy (2016)'. Further details on the policy can be found via the following link:

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Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission whether the Senate Chamber will be available for use by others when not in use in connection with the RHI Inquiry.

(AQW 15/17-22)

Mr Dickson (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): In January 2017 the Assembly Commission agreed that Parliament Buildings would host the Public Inquiry into the Renewable Heat Incentive Scheme. A number of rooms have been allocated for use by the Inquiry, including the Senate Chamber. These rooms will not be available for use by the Commission for any other purpose for the duration of the Inquiry.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission to outline the monetary arrangements for the use of the Senate Chamber and other rooms and facilities by the RHI Inquiry.

(AQW 16/17-22)

Mr Dickson (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The Assembly Commission has made a number of rooms within Parliament Buildings available for use by the Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) Inquiry. These rooms have been made available to the Inquiry at no cost. The cost of any alterations to these rooms required by the Inquiry will be met in full by it. The cost of other services including catering and broadcasting will be met directly by the Inquiry.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission to detail any funds received by the Assembly arising from the use of any rooms or facilities in Parliament Buildings by third parties in each of the last 12 months.

(AQW 17/17-22)

Mr Wells (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): In response to your question, the table below provides details of funds received arising from the use of rooms or facilities in Parliament Buildings by third parties in the past 12 months.

Month/Year	Rooms	Funds Received
December 2016	Great Hall, Members Dining Room, Room 115, Members Bar	£2,916.67
January 2017	Long Gallery	£200.00
February 2017	Members Dining Room	£100.00
March 2017	Great Hall, Members Dining Room, Room 115, Members Bar	£2,916.67
May 2017	Great Hall, Members Dining Room, Room 115, Members Bar	£5,833.34

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission in light of ongoing circumstances, to outline any review the Assembly Commission has conducted as to the property, staff and services required for the Assembly to carry out its work, and with what result.

(AQW 18/17-22)

Mr Maskey (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The Assembly Commission has focused on carrying out its statutory functions in the context of the delay in the Assembly returning to full business. This has included active consideration of the range of services provided in Parliament Building and the level of staffing required to deliver those services.

At its meetings of 30 May 2017, 5 July 2017 and 25 September 2017, the Commission reviewed the position with regard to a number of large-scale contracts and it actively considered the position for staff of the Assembly Secretariat. As a result of that review, changes were made to a number of contracts already in place, a small number of planned projects were deferred and an agreed number of staff were identified as being available for redeployment to other public sector bodies and legislatures.

Based on an assumption that the Assembly does not return to full functioning in the immediate future but that the current range of services continue to be provided to Members, it is anticipated that approximately 160 members of Secretariat staff will be available to undertake duties in other parts of the public sector.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission to detail whether there has been any staff recruitment in 2017.

(AQW 19/17-22)

Mr Swann (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): Since 1 January 2017, the Assembly Commission has advertised three external permanent recruitment competitions for Assembly Clerk, Infrastructure Support Specialist and Accountant. One member of staff was appointed following external recruitment for the Accountant post. The merit lists from the other recruitment competitions have been paused and no appointments made.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission to detail whether there have been any staff redundancies in 2017.
(AQW 20/17-22)

Mr Dickson (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): There have been no staff redundancies in 2017.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission how many staff have been seconded or redeployed to other organisations/bodies in 2017, including a) whether temporarily or permanently and b) with what resulting salary and related savings to the Assembly Commission.

(AQW 21/17-22)

Mr Wells (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): Since 1 January 2017, the Assembly Commission has continued to facilitate secondment agreements for Secretariat staff in line with the Commission's agreed Secondment Policy. These secondments allow staff to participate in normal public sector-wide secondment arrangements (generally managed through the Interchange Programme) and allow staff to gain or enhance their skills before a return to their employment in the Assembly.

Since 1 January, two members of staff have been temporarily seconded to public sector organisations under these secondment arrangements. The terms of a secondment of this type mean that salary and related costs are met by the receiving organisation. As these staff have not been replaced and based on the duration of each secondment arrangement, the anticipated savings to the Assembly Commission will be £102,374.

In addition, during the period when the Assembly has not been carrying out its full range of functions, the Assembly Commission has provided opportunities for staff to be temporarily redeployed to other public sector organisations and legislatures. These temporary deployments have been put in place to ensure that public funds have been utilised as effectively as possible and to enable staff to retain their knowledge and skills.

Since 1 January 2017, 44 members of staff (equating to 38.3 Full Time Equivalents) have been temporarily redeployed to another organisation. As these staff have been redeployed to posts in the public sector, the Assembly Commission continues to meet the salary and related costs for these staff. Therefore, there have been no savings to the Commission.

The Commission has released significant savings in salary costs over the course of the 2017-18 financial year. The latest forecast for staff salaries for the full year is £15.875m. This is £499k less than the most recent budget allocation for Secretariat staff salaries (£16.374m as at July 2017) and £664k less than the budget allocation for Secretariat staff salaries (£16.539m as at 1 April 2017).

There have been no permanent secondments or redeployments.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission when it last published an annual report and why none have been published since.
(AQW 22/17-22)

Mr Maskey (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): Following the restoration of the Northern Ireland Assembly in 2007 the Assembly Commission produced an 'annual report' summarising the work of the Assembly as a parliamentary institution. Initially this was produced in printed form, and from 2012-13 it was produced in video form. Production of a video version of the Annual Report ceased after 2014-15 due to budget reductions.

You will also be aware that the Assembly Commission presents its Annual Report and Accounts each year, with the most recent Annual Report and Accounts being for the financial year ending 31 March 2017. This is in accordance with Section 10(4) of the Government Resources and Accounts Act (Northern Ireland) 2001.

A copy of the Annual Report and Accounts can be found on the Assembly website: <http://www.niassembly.gov.uk/about-the-assembly/corporate-information/publications/resource-accounts/>

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission to detail whether it has a forecasted surplus or deficit in its current budget.
(AQW 23/17-22)

Mr Swann (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The current budgetary position for the Assembly Commission was set by the Secretary of State in his Written Statement in July 2017. The Commission monitors expenditure against this budget on a monthly basis. The latest monthly accounts (extract shown below) show a forecasted surplus of £1.608m as at 31 August 2017.

Forecast Outturn as at 31 August 2017

£000

	Full Year Budget	Full Year Forecast	Variance of Forecast to Full Year Budget
Income	(90)	(111)	(21)
Secretariat Salaries	16,374	15,875	(499)
Admin Costs	5,204	4,768	(436)

	Full Year Budget	Full Year Forecast	Variance of Forecast to Full Year Budget
Members' Salaries	6,264	6,206	(58)
Members' Other Costs	342	129	(213)
Members' Travel	308	307	(1)
Members' Constituency Costs (incl staff)	6,268	5,888	(380)
Party Allowance (FAPP)	744	744	-
Total	35,414	33,806	(1,608)

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission to publish a full inventory and valuation of Assembly artefacts, including those (i) on display; and (ii) in storage.

(AQW 24/17-22)

Mr Dickson (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): Please find attached a full and comprehensive list of all the artefacts and artwork belonging to the Assembly.

The list includes a description of each item, along with current valuations for each (where applicable). The list also identifies the current location of each item.

Inventory of Assembly Artefacts and Artwork

Artefacts

This section contains a list of items which are deemed to be of historical significance. The current location of each item is noted and, where appropriate, a current valuation is included.

Item Description	Item Location	Item Valuation
Part model of Parliament Buildings	Off-site storage	£8,000.00
Table with Map of six counties	Off-site storage	£10,000.00
Roll of Honour Table	Off-site storage	£2,000.00
Books containing the names of the civilian war dead	Speaker's Office	N/A
Assorted items from the Speaker's Office	Off-site storage	N/A
Ceremonial Sword	Off-site storage	N/A
William IV two-handled Vase	First Minister's Office	£6,000.00
Ornamental Stand for the Bell from "HMS Ulster"	Off-site storage	£1,500.00
A Carved and Gilded Throne Chair	Off-site storage	£7,000.00
2 x Silver Maces	Speaker's Office	£20,000.00
2 x Jardinières made from the timbers of the "Mountjoy"	1nr. Speaker's Office 1nr. Apprentice Boys Hall Londonderry	£1,000.00
A Japanese Officer's Sword presented to the people of Northern Ireland by Lord Mountbatten of Burma.	First Minister's Office	£1,000.00
Black Rod's Wand of Office	First Minister's Office	£5,000.00
Two Red Leather Dispatch Boxes with the Royal Arms of Ulster	Senate Chamber	£4,000.00
Bell from "HMS Ulster"	First Minister's Office	N/A
Collection of Clerks' Uniforms	Off-site storage	N/A
Model of Thiepval Tower	Off-site storage	N/A
The Uniform of the Sergeant at Arms	Offsite storage	£1,000.00
French Mantle Clock	Off-site storage	N/A
Items of Crockery	Off-site storage	N/A

Item Description	Item Location	Item Valuation
The Parliament Golf Handicap Challenge Cup 1927	First Minister's Office	£1,000.00
Silver Lighter	First Minister's Office	N/A
Bust of Frederick Temple	Off-site storage	£3,000.00
Mantle Clock	Off-site storage	£1,000.00
Egg Timer	Off-site storage	N/A
Coins	Off-site storage	N/A
Various Military Items	Off-site storage	N/A
Framed Letter from HRH Duke of Edinburgh	Off-site storage	N/A
Speaker's Robes and Wig	Parliament Buildings	£1,500.00
Dispatch box	Speaker's Office	£1,500.00
Victorian Tea Service	Speaker's Office	£2,000.00
Major Daniel Dixon's Lingfield Hurdle Cup 1928	First Minister's Office	£2,000.00
Royal Irish Rifles Silver Cup 1903	First Minister's Office	£2,000.00
Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Letter	Off-site storage	N/A
Brass Lamp Parts	Off-site storage	N/A
Oak Long Case Clock	Parliament Buildings	N/A
3 x Trolleys filled with Books	Off-site storage	N/A
3 x Chandeliers (boxed)	Off-site storage	N/A
Elizabeth II Coronation Vase	First Minister's Office	£10,000.00

Artwork

This section contains a list of all paintings and pictures owned by the Assembly. The current location of each item is noted and, where appropriate, a current valuation is included.

Item Description	Item Location	Item Valuation
Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference Pictures	Off-site storage	N/A
Portrait of Sir Basil Brooke	At the family home	£3,000.00
Portrait of Sir Henry Wilson MP	Off-site storage	£1,500.00
State Opening of Parliament, small	Speaker's Office	£25,000.00
State Opening of Parliament, large	Senate Chamber	£50,000.00
Portrait of Lord Armaghdale by Riviere	Off-site storage	£2,000.00
Portrait of HM Queen Elizabeth II by Lydia de Burgh	On Loan, Hillsborough Castle	£1,500.00
Portrait of Frederick Temple, 3rd Marquess of Dufferin and Ava by C Williams	Off-site storage	£3,000.00
Portrait of Rt Hon JM Andrews by F McKelvey	Off-site storage	£2,000.00
The Obelisk on the Boyne by J Tudor	On Loan, Hillsborough Castle	£300,000.00
The House Will Divide by Noel Murphy	Senate Chamber	£15,000.00
Portrait of Seamus Mallon by Rita Duffy	Parliament Buildings Great Hall	£5,000.00
Rowel Friars Drawings	Members' Bar	£14,250.00
The Assembly in Session by Noel Murphy	Speaker's Office	£3,000.00
La Baie	Speaker's Office	N/A
Portrait of Lord Bannside by Nolan	Parliament Buildings Great Hall	£8,000.00
Portrait of Eileen Bell by Conor Walton	Members' Dining Room	£5,000.00

Item Description	Item Location	Item Valuation
Portrait of Lord Alderdice by Carol Graham	Members' Dining Room	£7,000.00
Portrait of Lord Trimble by Nolan	Parliament Buildings Great Hall	£5,000.00
Portrait of Mark Durkan by Conor Walton	Parliament Buildings Great Hall	£5,000.00
Oil painting by P Van Meulen	Speaker's Office	£50,000.00
Portrait of Lord Craigavon by N Becker	Off-site storage	£3,000.00
Queen Victoria's Jubilee	Off-site storage	N/A
Picture of the Irish House of Commons	Speaker's Office	N/A
Portrait of Seamus Heaney by Ross Wilson	Parliament Buildings, Senate Rotunda	£8,000.00
Portrait of CS Lewis by Ross Wilson	Parliament Buildings, Senate Rotunda	£8,000.00
View of Belmont & Glenmachan	Offsite storage	N/A
Miscellaneous photographs	Offsite storage	N/A
Parliament Historic Occasions Photographs 1945	Offsite storage	N/A

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission to detail the current position with the Support Services contract.
(AQW 25/17-22)

Mr Wells (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The current contractual arrangements with the existing Service Provider are due to end in early January 2018. The Commission instigated a public procurement exercise earlier this year to identify a suitable provider to carry out a newly awarded contract at the end of the existing arrangements. Given the prevailing political circumstances, the evaluation of tender responses was temporarily paused.

At its meeting of 25 September 2017, the Assembly Commission agreed to re-commence the current tender exercise and evaluate all the tenders received before it moves to award the contract to the preferred Service Provider for this new contract.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission for a breakdown of any funds surrendered to the Department of Finance in the current financial year.

(AQW 26/17-22)

Mr Maskey (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): In the absence of an Executive, the normal in-year monitoring process has not been carried out. However, the Secretary of State issued a Written Statement in July 2017 setting a revised indicative budget for the Assembly Commission. This budget was informed by forecasts provided by the Commission which identified £3.0m of savings for the 2017-18 financial year. The table below sets out the detail of this saving.

Description	Opening Position	Revised budget notified to DoF	Change from Opening Position
	£000	£000	£000
Income	(65)	(90)	(25)
Secretariat Salaries	16,310	16,374	64
Admin Costs	5,400	5,204	(196)
Members' Salaries	7,700	6,264	(1,436)
Members' Other Costs	368	342	(26)
Members' Travel	441	308	(133)
Members' Constituency Costs (incl staff)	7,400	6,268	(1,132)
Party Allowance (FAPP)	860	744	(116)
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Total	38,414	35,414	-3,000

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission whether (i) it; (ii) secretariat staff; or (iii) the Speaker has been consulted about a reduction in MLA salaries to make them commensurate with the absence of meetings of the Assembly.

(AQW 27/17-22)

Mr Swann (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The Assembly Commission, the Assembly Secretariat or the Speaker (in his role as Chair of the Commission) have not been consulted about a reduction in salaries for Members due to an absence of meetings of the Assembly. Salaries for Members are set by the Independent Financial Review Panel and are paid at the rates set out in the Panel's most recent Determination published in March 2016.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission whether any Deputy Speakers are regarded as being in office.

(AQW 28/17-22)

Mr Dickson (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): Section 39 (2) of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 specifies that:

"A person elected Presiding Officer or deputy shall hold office until the conclusion of the next election for Presiding Officer under subsection (1) unless –

he previously resigns

he ceases to be a member of the Assembly otherwise than by virtue of a dissolution; or

the Assembly elects from among its members a person to hold office as Presiding Officer in his place."

As the new Assembly has yet to proceed to conduct the election of a Speaker since the Assembly dissolved for elections on 26 January 2017, the Principal Deputy Speaker, Catriona Ruane, and Deputy Speaker, Patsy McGlone MLA, continue to hold office, as does the Speaker. Danny Kennedy submitted his resignation to the Speaker with effect from 29 June 2017 and therefore he has not held office as Deputy Speaker since that date.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission in relation to Assembly artefacts, to list how many have been disposed of in the last 12 months, including (i) why they were disposed of; and (ii) how they were disposed.

(AQW 29/17-22)

Mr Wells (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The Assembly Commission has not disposed of any Assembly artefacts in the last 12 months.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission how many complaints of maladministration are presently outstanding against (i) the Assembly Commission; or (ii) any Assembly bodies.

(AQW 30/17-22)

Mr Maskey (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The Assembly Commission is currently holding one complaint in relation to an Assembly Commission policy.

While the Assembly Commission is required under legislation to provide the secretariat for Assembly bodies including the Independent Financial Review Panel and the Commissioner for Standards, their functions are operated independently. The Assembly Commission has no responsibility for the management or resolution of complaints submitted to those bodies.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission what functions has the Chairperson of the Assembly Commission performed since the last Assembly election.

(AQW 31/17-22)

Mr Swann (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): When the Assembly is dissolved for an election, it is normal practice that the outgoing Assembly Commission only reconvenes for urgent business that could not await the appointment of a successor Commission by the new Assembly. Given that the delay in the Assembly returning to normal business has prevented the appointment of a new Commission, the outgoing Commission continues to hold office and has given priority to dealing with issues arising from the current political situation.

The role of the Chairperson of the Assembly Commission, is both to liaise with and guide officials on the handling of Commission business and to preside over meetings of the Commission. Therefore, during this period the Chairperson of the Commission has continued to have regular discussions with the Clerk/ Chief Executive and the Adviser to the Speaker/ Head of Corporate Support (responsible for managing Commission business) as well as receiving briefings from other Commission officials as required.

The Assembly Commission has held three formal meetings in May, July and September 2017 with the Chairperson being actively involved in preparations for these meetings. Further other Commission business has been conducted through written procedure, the issuing of notifications and holding regular informal discussions with all Commission members individually. The Chairperson of the Commission is consulted before such actions are taken.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission (i) the current cost; and (ii) position with the broadcasting contract.

(AQW 32/17-22)

Mr Dickson (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The Assembly Commission agreed a variation to the Broadcasting Contract at its meeting on 5 July 2017. The variation of a reduction of 7.5% to the existing monthly contract fee was initially agreed for a period of 3 months until 10 October. The decision to agree to extend the variation for a further 3 month period until 10 January 2018, should it be required, was agreed at the most recent Assembly Commission meeting which took place on 25 September 2017.

The normal monthly costs of the current Broadcasting Contract are £34,850.84. Under the current variation the monthly cost is £32,237.03.

This reduction in costs, does not adversely impact upon Pi Communications Ltd in maintaining its services and Assembly equipment in a state of operational readiness, which facilitates an immediate return to the specified requirements for normal Assembly business.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission to outline how resulting difficulties from the determination of the Independent Financial Review Panel are being resolved.

(AQW 33/17-22)

Mr Wells (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The Assembly Commission is responsible for the implementation and administration of any determination issued by the Independent Financial Review Panel. As such, it falls to the Commission to ensure full compliance with the provisions contained within a determination. The Commission provides support to Members to achieve compliance with the provisions of a determination but the Commission cannot alter or amend those provisions. Therefore, the resolution of any difficulties that may arise as a result of a determination is a matter for the Independent Financial Review Panel.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission (i) to list the rooms in Parliament Buildings that (a) were used by; (b) accommodated; or (c) facilitated meetings with representatives of the Government of the Republic of Ireland; and (ii) on whose authority were such rooms so used since 1 September 2017.

(AQW 34/17-22)

Mr Maskey (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The Assembly welcomes a wide range of parliamentarians, diplomats, government ministers, dignitaries and other delegations to Parliament Buildings. As part of these inward visits engagements can take place in the rooms of building users, or meeting rooms may sometimes be made available for official meetings between the visiting delegations and Northern Ireland Assembly Members or staff.

The Assembly Commission has not received any requests from the Government of the Republic of Ireland to reserve any rooms in Parliament Buildings and does not hold details of the engagements undertaken by their representatives.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission the current whereabouts of the Act of Union table, as referred to in previous inventories of artefacts held by the Assembly.

(AQW 40/17-22)

Mr Dickson (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The table referred to in previous inventories of Artefacts as the "Act of the Union Table" is currently held in off-site storage.

Based on the table's style and age, the Assembly Commission has been unable to confirm that the table in question has any such link and, as such, it is no longer considered as an Artefact.

The table will remain in storage. Should any additional information about the provenance of the table be provided, the Commission will investigate this matter further.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission (i) whether there is a facility for a Member to "put on record with the Assembly" an intention to donate monies paid as salary to a Member or former Member, if due such payments, to charities; and (ii) if so, why; and (iii) how does it operate.

(AQW 45/17-22)

Mr Wells (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The Northern Ireland Assembly does not comment on any discussions relating to the salary or private financial affairs of an individual MLA or an Office Holder.

The Assembly Commission is responsible for the implementation of the provisions relating to the payment of salaries under the March 2016 Determination issued by the Independent Financial Review Panel.

A Member is not required to inform the Commission of an intention to make payments to charities of their choice once the salary has been paid to the Member.

However, if a Member wishes to make charitable donations directly from salary (for example, through the well-established Give As You Earn payroll giving scheme operated by the Charities Aid Foundation), the Member is required to formally notify the Commission of that arrangement. Participation in a payroll giving scheme of this type enables UK tax payers to make regular, tax-free donations to the registered charity or charities of their choice. To register for such a scheme, the Member must complete a nomination form which sets out the amount of the monthly donations and the charities they wish to support.

This nomination form is then forwarded to the Assembly Secretariat's Payroll Team. The stipulated monthly deductions are then forwarded to the Charities Aid Foundation for distribution to the chosen charities.

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Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission what is the annual cost of storing Assembly artefacts and artwork off-site. (AQW 35/17-22)

Mr Swann (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The cost to the Assembly Commission for storage of artefacts, artwork and furniture off-site was £10,716 in 2016/17. The cost from 1 April 2017 to 30 September 2017 has been £5,462.

Due to the area required, a significant portion of these costs relates to the storage of furniture.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission pursuant to AQW 14/17-22, whether rooms in Parliament Buildings have been made available to staff and ministers of the Government of the Republic of Ireland in accordance or otherwise with current arrangements; and if so on what dates during the last six months. (AQW 36/17-22)

Mr Dickson (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): A room was provided for use by the Government of the Republic of Ireland for meetings on one occasion, 5 September 2017, in line with the arrangements, outlined in AQW 14/17-22, which are routinely offered to facilitate an incoming delegation. Separate to this, the Assembly Commission has not received any requests from the Government of the Republic of Ireland to reserve any rooms in Parliament Buildings and does not hold details of the engagements undertaken by their representatives.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission pursuant to AQW 34/17-22, (i) who controls the use of Room 106; and (ii) to whom it is allocated for use. (AQW 37/17-22)

Mr Wells (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): While Room 106 is the routine venue for a number of meetings including the Assembly Commission and the Business Committee, it is a bookable meeting space and the control of its use is based on who has booked the room at any particular time.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission whether an office holder, such as a Deputy Speaker, who did not stand for re-election to the Assembly but continued thereafter in that role was also entitled to receive a Resettlement Allowance payment. (AQW 38/17-22)

Mr Maskey (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The criteria for the payment of resettlement allowance are set out in paragraph 28 of the Assembly Members (Salaries and Expenses) Determination (Northern Ireland) 2016.

The Determination provides that a person is entitled to a resettlement allowance if the person was a Member immediately before dissolution of the Assembly and the person does not stand at the subsequent election or the person does stand, but is not returned as a Member. Whether that person continues in a role (other than as a Member) that is set out in Table 1 of paragraph 1(4) of the Determination, has no impact on an entitlement to resettlement allowance. Paragraph 28(4) of the Determination places an obligation on a person to make all arrangements necessary to wind up the person's affairs as a Member prior to receiving the resettlement allowance. Therefore, payment of the resettlement allowance is dependent on compliance with these criteria.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission pursuant to AQW 28/17-22, has the Principal Deputy Speaker continued to be remunerated for this post since stepping down as a Member. (AQW 39/17-22)

Mr Swann (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): Section 47 (10) of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 provides that:

"for the purposes of this section, a person who is a member of the Assembly immediately before the Assembly is dissolved, shall be treated (a) if he continues to hold office as Minister, junior minister, as Presiding Officer or deputy or as a member of the Northern Ireland Assembly Commission, as if he were a member of the Assembly until the end of the day on which he ceases to hold office."

The office of Principal Deputy Speaker falls within the above section of the Northern Ireland 1998 Act so remuneration for that role continued until the date on which the officeholder ceased to hold office.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission whether pension contributions are paid by the Assembly in respect of every salary payment made to an Assembly office holder, including someone who has ceased to be a Member. (AQW 41/17-22)

Mr Wells (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): Table 1 of paragraph 1(4) to the Assembly Members (Salaries and Expenses) Determination (Northern Ireland) 2016 sets out the salary to be paid to a Member who carries

out a role specified in that Table (commonly referred to as an Officeholder). The level of pension contributions are paid in accordance with the Assembly Members (Pensions) Determination (Northern Ireland) 2016.

When a salary is in payment for any role set out in Table 1, pension contributions are made by the Commission.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission whether salary due to a Member or office holder can be paid in any other way other than into the Member's bank account.

(AQW 42/17-22)

Mr Maskey (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The Assembly Commission is responsible for the implementation of the Assembly Members (Salaries and Expenses) Determination (Northern Ireland) 2016 as issued by the Independent Financial Review Panel. As required by paragraph (2)(a) of the Determination, the salary that is paid for any role set out in Table 1 at paragraph 1(4) of the Determination must be paid into an account in a financial institution (such as a bank or building society) for which the Member is the sole signatory or the Member and the Member's spouse, civil partner or cohabitant are sole signatories.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission whether it offers a service to Members or former Members, to distribute monies due to that Member or former Member, to charities nominated by that Member.

(AQW 43/17-22)

Mr Swann (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The Assembly Commission provides a full payroll service to Members. Salaries are paid directly to Members as required by paragraph 2 of the Assembly Members (Salaries and Expenses) Determination (Northern Ireland) 2016. It is possible for a Member to participate in a payroll giving scheme (such as the Give as You Earn Scheme operated by the Charities Aid Foundation). If a Member chooses to participate in such a scheme, the Commission administers the charitable payments directly from payroll to a third party agency (such as the Charities Aid Foundation) who, in turn, forward the donation to the nominated charity or charities.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission whether there is any record of any Member or former Member who was due salary payments, putting on record with the Assembly an intention to donate monies paid as salary to charities.

(AQW 44/17-22)

Mr Dickson (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The Assembly Commission is responsible for the administration of payments of salaries to Members but a Member is not required to inform the Commission of an intention to make payments to a charity or charities of their choice once the salary has been paid to the Member.

However, if a Member wishes to make charitable donations directly from salary (for example, through the well-established Give As You Earn payroll giving scheme operated by the Charities Aid Foundation), the Member is required to formally notify the Commission of that arrangement.

All correspondence to the Assembly Secretariat's Payroll Team forms part of the payroll records which are deemed to be personal data as defined by the Data Protection Act 1998 and based on the consent given by the individual Members, are used for payroll processing purposes only. As such these records are a matter for the individual Member and the Assembly Commission.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission what privileges, access and other benefits did the recently retired Principal Deputy Speaker enjoy during the period when she was not a Member but continued as Principal Deputy Speaker.

(AQW 46/17-22)

Mr Swann (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The Northern Ireland Act 1998 specifies that the Speaker, Deputy Speakers and members of the Assembly Commission continue to hold office, and receive salaries as if they were Members of the Assembly, until their successors are appointed.

An office holder continuing to hold those offices following dissolution would have access to Parliament Buildings, and advice and support from officials, as required in order to exercise any functions required of those offices.

While some procedural and representational activities remain to be discharged by the Office of the Speaker in the period before a new Assembly appoints officeholders, the Assembly Commission has no role in determining the procedural and representational responsibilities of the Speaker. The details of activities, and any associated arrangements, carried out by a Speaker or Deputy Speakers are the responsibility of the Office of the Speaker and not the Assembly Commission.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission whether an Assembly office holder who does not stand for re-election to the Assembly but continues to hold the position of an office holder, such as a Deputy Speaker, continues to enjoy the privileges and access of a Member even though they have ceased to be a Member.

(AQW 47/17-22)

Mr Dickson (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The Northern Ireland Act 1998 specifies that the Speaker, Deputy Speakers and members of the Assembly Commission continue to hold office, and receive salaries as if they were Members of the Assembly, until their successors are appointed.

An office holder continuing to hold those offices following dissolution, and who does not stand for re-election, would have access to Parliament Buildings, and advice and support from officials, as required in order to exercise any functions required of those offices.

It should be noted that the same arrangements apply to an office holder who is not returned or is not seeking re-election as a Member as apply to others in a similar position during a dissolution period. For instance, he/ she will receive the same assistance in winding up his/her affairs, his/her IT equipment will be returned or transferred to another Member and he/she cannot book events as a Member.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission when a Member does not stand for re-election, whether their Resettlement Allowance payment is based on the basic salary of a Member or the salary relevant to any office held, such as Deputy Speaker, by that retiring Member.

(AQW 48/17-22)

Mr Maskey (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): Resettlement allowance payments are made under the provisions of paragraph 28 of the Assembly Members (Salaries and Expenses) Determination (Northern Ireland) 2016.

Resettlement allowance is payable at a rate of one month's salary for each completed year of service. Paragraph 28(3) defines the salary to be used for this calculation as:

"The salary referred to in sub-paragraph (2) is the salary a member is entitled to by virtue of having the role of a member only, as set out in Table 1, calculated at the date of dissolution of the Assembly."

Therefore, it is the salary as a Member that is used in the calculation of resettlement allowance.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission pursuant to AQW 33/17-22, with regards to "the resolution of any difficulties that may arise as a result of a determination is a matter for the Independent Financial Review Panel"; to outline (i) how can a Panel which no longer exists resolve such matters; and (ii) what mechanisms exist for such resolution.

(AQW 49/17-22)

Mr Wells (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The Assembly Commission's role is to administer the financial support that is made available to Members under the provisions of any Determination issued by the Independent Financial Review Panel. In doing so, the Commission ensures full compliance with any qualifying criteria or conditions set by the Panel.

The Commission has no role in resolving issues that may arise as a result of a Determination as this is entirely a matter for the Panel. In the absence of a Panel at the present time, it will fall to a future Panel to make its own assessment of whether any issues exist with the current Determination.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission how much the Assembly paid in employer's National Insurance contributions in respect of the Principal Deputy Speaker from the date that she ceased to be a Member until the date she resigned as Principal Deputy Speaker.

(AQW 50/17-22)

Mr Maskey (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The employer's National Insurance contributions paid in respect of the Principal Deputy Speaker from the date of ceasing to be a Member until the date of resignation was £5,124.68.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission how much the Assembly paid in pension contributions in respect of the Principal Deputy Speaker from the date that she ceased to be a Member until the date she resigned as Principal Deputy Speaker.

(AQW 51/17-22)

Mr Swann (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): Pension contributions are paid in accordance with the Assembly Members (Pensions) Determination (Northern Ireland) 2016 at a rate of 14.4% of pay before deductions for tax.

The contribution made by the Commission in respect of the Principal Deputy Speaker was £5,851.93 from the date of ceasing to be a Member until the date of resignation.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission how much was claimed by the Principal Deputy Speaker in respect of Constituency Office Expenses from the date that she ceased to be a Member until the date she resigned as Principal Deputy Speaker.

(AQW 52/17-22)

Mr Dickson (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): Paragraphs 11 to 17 of the Assembly Members (Salaries and Expenses) Determination (Northern Ireland) 2016 make provision for the recovery of Constituency Office Expenses by a Member of the Assembly.

A former Member can recover the costs that she or he incurs as a result of winding up her or his Assembly affairs in the three-month period after she or he ceases to be a Member. As for all other Members who did not seek re-election following the dissolution of the Assembly in January 2017, the former Principal Deputy Speaker was able to avail of the winding up provisions contained in paragraph 21 of the 2016 Determination. Therefore, no Constituency Office Expenses were incurred by the former Principal Deputy Speaker for the period after she ceased to be a Member.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission by how much did the Principal Deputy Speaker's pension entitlement increase from the date she ceased to be a Member until the date of her resignation.

(AQW 53/17-22)

Mr Wells (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The increase in pension entitlement in respect of the Principal Deputy Speaker from the date of ceasing to be a Member until the date of resignation was £812.77.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission what facility exists for a Member to view the Assembly artefacts currently held in storage.

(AQW 54/17-22)

Mr Maskey (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The Assembly Commission can make suitable arrangements for a Member to view any item that is currently held in off-site storage in line with the offer that was made to the Member to view artefacts in a letter from the Clerk/Chief Executive on 8 December 2016.

The Assembly Secretariat's Head of Building Services can make the necessary arrangements.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission how many Members or office holders have given notice to the Assembly Commission that they wish to avail of a payroll giving scheme in respect of charitable donations from salary due to them, during this financial year.

(AQW 55/17-22)

Mr Swann (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The Assembly Commission does not comment on matters relating to the private financial affairs of Members. Members' salaries are a matter of public record with a specific requirement under Standing Orders that sums paid by the Assembly to its current and former Members shall be published. However, a charitable donation (or other forms of voluntary, statutory or mandatory deductions from a Member's salary) relates to the private financial affairs of each Member.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission by how much did the value of the Principal Deputy Speaker's pension fund increase from the date she ceased to be a Member until the date of her resignation.

(AQW 56/17-22)

Mr Dickson (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): Pension scheme rules are contained in the Assembly Members (Pensions) Determination (Northern Ireland) 2016.

Members accrue pensions on a defined benefit basis where the benefit is expressed as the value of the annual pension built up at a given date. Members' contributions and contributions made by the Commission are invested collectively in a pension fund which pays pension benefits for all Members. Each Member does not have an individual pension fund. This differs from a defined contribution pension where each participant in such a pension scheme would have an individual pension fund.

The response to AQW 53/17-22 provides details of the increase in value of the Principal Deputy Speaker's annual pension from the date she ceased to be a Member until the date of resignation.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission pursuant to AQW 40/17-22, whether it plans to publish the research it has conducted giving rise to the conclusion that there is doubt over the provenance of the Act of Union table.

(AQW 57/17-22)

Mr Wells (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): As noted in AQW 40/17-22, the Assembly Commission has been unable to confirm the provenance of the table previously referred to as "The Act of Union Table". Investigations into this matter, with the assistance of a Fine Art Consultant, have so far been inconclusive but it has been suggested that the age and style of the table may not be consistent with that era (early 1800s). The Commission has not yet concluded its research to investigate this matter.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission pursuant to AQW 40/17-22, to outline why its conclusion on the provenance of the Act of Union table differs from that contained in the Commission authorised publication of 2008, entitled Stormont The House on the Hill, which refers to a polished mahogany table upon which it is believed the Royal Assent to the Act of Union between Great Britain and Ireland was signed in 1800 by Lord Cornwallis, the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

(AQW 58/17-22)

Mr Maskey (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): It is understood that the 2008 publication 'Stormont: The House on the Hill', took the reference:

"Also to be seen is a polished mahogany table upon which it is believed the Royal Assent to the Act of Union between Great Britain and Ireland was signed in 1800 by Lord Cornwallis, the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland"

from an HMSO publication dated 1985.

However, investigations into this matter, with the assistance of a Fine Art Consultant, have so far been inconclusive but it has been suggested that the age and style of the table may not be consistent with that era (early 1800s). The Commission remains eager to determine the provenance of the table and will continue its investigations in this regard.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission (i) whether those Members in receipt of a resettlement allowance after losing their seats in May 2016 who were then returned as Members in March 2017, have repaid (a) any, or (b) all, of the resettlement allowance; and (ii) if so, how much.

(AQW 59/17-22)

Mr Swann (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): Members who lost their seat in the May 2016 election and who were eligible for resettlement allowance had it paid under paragraph 16 and Schedule 2 of the Northern Ireland Assembly Members' Salaries, Allowances, Expenses and Pensions Determination issued by the Independent Financial Review Panel in March 2012. The amount that each eligible Member received depended on the age of the Member and the number of years he/she has served in the Assembly.

The period of service on which that calculation was based is excluded from any future calculation of resettlement allowance arising from service as a Member following the election in March 2017.

The Commission does not comment on the private financial affairs of Members.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission (i) whether passes were issued to facilitate the recent political negotiations in Parliament Buildings and (ii) if so (a) how many and (b) to whom.

(AQW 60/17-22)

Mr Dickson (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The Northern Ireland Assembly Commission can confirm that a number of ID passes have been issued on a short term basis to facilitate the ongoing political negotiations at Parliament Buildings.

To date, fourteen such passes have been issued to officials involved in the negotiations, and those passes will be recovered by the Commission in due course.

The Commission does not release specific details of those persons to whom passes are issued.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission if Persons A, B and C hold passes to Parliament Buildings.

(AQW 61/17-22)

Mr Dickson (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The Assembly Commission operates a permanent and temporary ID pass system that ensures that appropriate passes are made available to Members and other persons working or visiting Parliament Buildings.

The Commission's Security Policy outlines the categories of persons to whom such passes are issued.

The Commission does not, however, comment on the persons to whom passes are issued.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission pursuant to AQW 38/17-22, when did the recently retired Principal Deputy Speaker receive her Resettlement Allowance.

(AQW 62/17-22)

Mr Maskey (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): Paragraph 28(4) of the Assembly Members (Salaries and Expenses) Determination (Northern Ireland) 2016 places an obligation on a former Member to make all arrangements necessary to wind up the individual's affairs as a Member prior to receiving a resettlement allowance. Paragraph 21(2)(b) specifies that winding up expenses can be claimed during the three months starting with the date the person ceased to be a Member.

For those Members, including the former Principal Deputy Speaker, who stood down at dissolution of the Assembly on 25 January 2017, the winding up period ended on 25 April 2017. The resettlement payment for the former Principal Deputy Speaker was made in June 2017.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission pursuant to AQW 35/17-22, for how many years has money been expended on keeping Assembly artefacts in storage; and what is the total spend to date.

(AQW 63/17-22)

Mr Swann (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): Artefacts belonging to the Assembly were placed in off-site storage to facilitate the restoration of Parliament Buildings in 1995. From that date until 2011, the artefacts have been retained in storage facilities belonging to the Public Records Office Northern Ireland (PRONI), the then Department of the Environment (DoE) and the then Department of Finance and Personnel (DFP). The Commission does not retain a record of the costs relating to that period.

Since 2011, all of the artefacts that are not on display in Parliament Buildings or on long-term loan elsewhere, have been kept in an off-site storage facility at Dunmurry. The artefacts are stored along with a large quantity of furniture.

The cost relating to that storage (for both artefacts and furniture) from 2011 to present is £76,715.81.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission following the March 2017 Assembly election (i) how many Members became eligible for the Resettlement Allowance; (ii) how many Members were paid the Resettlement Allowance; and (iii) what was the total amount paid in Resettlement Allowances.

(AQW 64/17-22)

Mr Dickson (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): Paragraph 28 of the Assembly Members (Salaries and Expenses) Determination (Northern Ireland) 2016 establishes the criteria for calculating and paying resettlement allowance. Following the dissolution of the Assembly on 25 January 2017, eighteen former Members became eligible to receive a resettlement allowance payment. To date, fourteen Members have fully complied with the requirements of this paragraph and have received a resettlement allowance payment. The amount paid to date is £302,168.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission how much money it has received from Members who were paid Resettlement Allowances following the May 2016 Assembly election and who returned to the Assembly in March 2017.

(AQW 65/17-22)

Mr Wells (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The resettlement allowances paid following the dissolution of the Assembly in March 2016 were paid to eligible former Members under the provisions of Paragraph 16, Schedule 2 of the Northern Ireland Assembly Members' Salaries, Allowances, Expenses and Pensions Determination as issued by the Independent Financial Review Panel (the Panel) in March 2012. All such payments to former Members are a matter of public record and have been published in accordance with Standing Orders.

A requirement for a returning Member to forfeit an earlier resettlement allowance payment (should a Member return to the Assembly within a specific timeframe) was introduced in the Panel's Determination issued in March 2016. No such provision existed in the 2012 Determination and, consequently, no money was sought or received from former Members who were paid resettlement allowances following the May 2016 Assembly election but who subsequently returned to the Assembly in March 2017.

Mr Allen asked the Assembly Commission to detail (i) the names, aside from the Speaker, who have stayed overnight in the Speaker's accommodation on the Stormont Estate since 01 May 2016; (ii) each date each person stayed; and (iii) under what/whose authority they stayed there.

(AQW 66/17-22)

Mr Maskey (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): There has been no requirement for official accommodation for the Speaker on the Stormont estate since May 2016. While a property was used in the past by the Commission for the previous two Speakers who lived a considerable distance from Parliament Buildings, when he took office Speaker Newton informed officials that he would not require official accommodation on the Stormont Estate. Arrangements were therefore made for the control of the accommodation and its use to be transferred from the Assembly Commission to the Department of Finance during this period.

Mr Allen asked the Assembly Commission to list each date the Speaker of the Assembly stayed overnight in the accommodation available to them on Stormont Estate over each of the last three years.

(AQW 67/17-22)

Mr Swann (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): As outlined in AQW 66/17-22, there has been no requirement for official accommodation for the Speaker on the Stormont estate since May 2016. In respect of previous Speakers, the dates when accommodation on the Stormont Estate was utilised by a Speaker was not recorded.

Mr Allen asked the Assembly Commission to detail the cost implications for the Assembly to comply with each of the provisions contained in Part 3 of the 2015 Public Consultation document on proposals for an Irish Language Bill.

(AQW 68/17-22)

Mr Dickson (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The Assembly Commission did not respond to the 2015 Public Consultation document on proposals for an Irish Language Bill.

The Commission did not consider the cost implications, in relation to its statutory functions, of complying with the provisions contained in Part 3 of the 2015 Public Consultation document.

Mr Allen asked the Assembly Commission for a breakdown of the cost of all translation services, broken down by language, over each of the last five years.

(AQW 69/17-22)

Mr Wells (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The breakdown of translation services over the last five years from Hansard (Official Report) are as follows;

2012/13	£18,000
2013/14	£18,400
2014/15	£18,400
2015/16	£17,205
2016/17	£9,329

All of the above expenditure was in relation to/from Irish/English translations.

In addition, £1,387.67 was spent on translating a leaflet relating to tours of the Assembly in 2014/15. The cost covered translation from English into 11 languages, namely: Polish, Lithuanian, Irish, Portuguese, Slovak, Mandarin, German, Italian, French, Spanish and Ulster Scots.

Mr Allen asked the Assembly Commission for an update on the disability accessibility works within Parliament Buildings. [R] (AQW 70/17-22)

Mr Maskey (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): All of the improvement works that the Commission approved at its meeting on 3 March 2016 have now been completed.

These include the automation of corridor doors on the Basement, Ground and First Floors, the refurbishment and upgrade of the South Lift to fire evacuation standard, alterations to the counter in the Members' Bar and the creation of new internal ramped access / egress from the foyer to Ground Floor level.

In addition, a new Café / Gift Shop facility for visitors has been created at Ground Floor Level.

Following completion of the above works, work is underway to address a small number of minor defects.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission to detail the dates between which the recently resigned Principal Deputy Speaker was paid as an office holder after she ceased to be a Member. (AQW 71/17-22)

Mr Swann (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): Specific advice on payments to officeholders who either stand down at an election or stand and are not returned was set out in the election guidance that the Commission published in advance of the dissolution of the Assembly in January 2017. The guidance states:

"For those Members who receive additional remuneration in respect of an office or offices, the entitlement to remuneration will vary depending on the office held prior to dissolution. Section 47(10) of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 provides that:

"for the purposes of this section a person who is a member of the Assembly immediately before the Assembly is dissolved shall be treated (a) if he continues to hold office as a Minister or junior minister, as Presiding Officer or deputy or as a member of the Northern Ireland Assembly Commission, as if he were a member of the Assembly until the end of the day on which he ceases to hold office."

Therefore, the salary payable to the Principal Deputy Speaker continued to be payable from the day after the date of dissolution of the Assembly (26 January 2017) up to and including the day that she ceased to hold office through resignation (19 October 2017).

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission to detail the total amount of salary paid to the recently resigned Principal Deputy Speaker, from the date she ceased to be an Member until the date when her office-holder salary ceased to be paid. (AQW 72/17-22)

Mr Dickson (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The total amount of salary payable from the date of dissolution to the date of resignation was £40,637.63.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission whether any member of the Commission declared any interest on behalf of themselves or their party during the processes involving the awarding and finalising of the broadcasting contract. (AQW 73/17-22)

Mr Wells (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): On 20 October 2015 the Assembly Commission considered and approved a business case to tender for a new contract for Broadcasting, Associated Equipment Maintenance & Related Services.

Officials subsequently commenced and concluded a tendering process, and the contract was awarded on 6 June 2016 by the Assembly Commission's Head of Procurement, on behalf of the Assembly Commission. This decision was communicated to the Commission by the Clerk/Chief Executive at its meeting on 29 September 2016.

No declaration of interest was made by any member of the Assembly Commission in relation to the approval of the business case on 20 October 2015, and the Commission was not subsequently required to approve the award of the tender for Broadcasting, Associated Equipment Maintenance & Related Services.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission pursuant to AQW 55/17-22, (i) to detail how revealing the number of Members - without identifying any such Member - who have given notice that they wish to avail of a payroll giving scheme in respect of charitable donations from salary would compromise any Member's private financial affairs; and (ii) in consequence, whether the Commission will review the answer to AQW 55/17-22.

(AQW 74/17-22)

Mr Maskey (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): Members' salaries are a matter of public record with a specific requirement under Standing Orders that sums paid by the Assembly to its current and former Members shall be published. However, any subsequent instruction received by the Commission relating to how a Member's salary should be lawfully used is a private matter between the Commission and the individual. In submitting such an instruction to the Commission, it is done solely for payroll processing purposes only, not for any other reporting purposes. On this basis the response to AQW 55/17-22 remains as previously issued.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission pursuant to AQW 60/17-22, how many of the 14 passes issued were issued to officials from the Government of the Republic of Ireland.

(AQW 75/17-22)

Mr Swann (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The Northern Ireland Assembly Commission can confirm that five of the fourteen ID passes were issued to officials from the Government of the Republic of Ireland.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission pursuant to AQW 61/17-22, (i) whether security vetting is applied under the Commission's Security Policy when it comes to the issuing of passes for Parliament Buildings, and (ii) if so, by whom.

(AQW 80/17-22)

Mr Swann (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The Assembly Commission undertakes security clearance of prospective employees, agency workers, persons on inward secondment or interchange, bursary students and contractors through Access NI. Once a satisfactory security check has been completed, an ID pass is issued.

ID passes issued from within the complement allocated to Members and Parties and those issued to visitors to Parliament Buildings do not require security clearance.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission pursuant to AQW 75/17-22, to categorise the groups to which the other nine passes were issued.

(AQW 87/17-22)

Mr Maskey (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The nine remaining ID passes (as per AQW 75/17-22) were issued to Northern Ireland Office officials.

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Mr Durkan asked the Assembly Commission what consideration has been given to (i) reducing; or (ii) eradicating the use of single-use plastics in Parliament Buildings.

(AQW 76/17-22)

Mr Dickson (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The contractor who provides the catering, cleaning and portage services at Parliament Buildings is required by the Assembly Commission to embed sustainability in all aspects of the delivery of these services. The contractor is also required to work with the Commission to continually improve sustainability in line with the Commission's policies and its ISO 14001 accreditation relating to environmental management. Furthermore, the contractor must ensure that, when considering the purchase of equipment and disposables, sustainability impacts are considered.

In relation to the reduction and eradication of single-use plastics, the current contract specification is as follows:

Packaging and Disposables

- a In relation to packaging and disposables, the Service Provider will be expected to undertake the following:
- Actively work with its suppliers to reduce packaging and maximise the use of re-usable packaging;
 - Ensure that all packaging for items, such as packaged sandwiches, are sourced from recognised and accredited sustainable sources;
 - Use paper napkins made from recycled material and preferably, including a percentage of post-consumer waste; and
 - Minimise the use of disposables through sufficient provision of cutlery and crockery.

- b The Service Provider will be required to work with the Support Services Manager to identify solutions that will further reduce the use of disposables.
- c Where disposables are unavoidable, bio-degradable products or readily recyclable items should be used, where this can be provided at reasonable cost. Readily recyclable items are those which can be recycled through the current facilities at the premises or where additional collection facilities would be straightforward to introduce.

As a result, the contractor has and continues to use packaging and disposables in line with the Commission's requirements. The table below sets out the material used in the manufacture and the recycling method for the plastics used in the contract.

Item	Source / Material	After use
■ 500ml plastic bottles	Manufactured using up to 25% recycled plastic	100% recyclable; Recycled and used to manufacture other products
■ Plastic cutlery ■ Coffee cups ■ Lids ■ Plastic salad tubs	Plastics derived from organic products	Biodegradable
■ Plastic cups from water fountain	Plastics derived from organic products	Recycled and used to manufacture other products
■ Plastic containers in kitchen (packaging: ice cream/bouillons etc.)	Made from recycled material	Recycled and used to manufacture other packaging products
■ Clear plastic bags	Traditional plastic bags are usually made from polyethylene	Recycled and used to manufacture other products

In addition, the Commission has provided over 200 recycling bins in Parliament Buildings since June 2006 to facilitate the recycling of glass, paper, newspapers, magazines, cardboard, plastic and aluminium cans. The contractor also supports the European Week for Waste Reduction (EWWR) each year. The theme for 2017 is the reduction of the number of disposables that are used within Parliament Buildings, in particular cups and plastic lids and building users have been encouraged to use cutlery and crockery when seated in the Blue Flax restaurant.

Dr Aiken asked the Assembly Commission to detail the consequences of a breach of an Independent Financial Review Panel determination as a result of the displaying of election posters in the window of a Member's publicly-funded constituency office prior to the Assembly election in 2017.

(AQW 77/17-22)

Mr Wells (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): If the Assembly Commission confirms that a breach of this nature has occurred, the Member is asked to repay the rent and rates that were paid during the period of non-compliance with the provisions of paragraph 14 (Rent and rates: signage conditions) of the Assembly Members (Salaries and Expenses) Determination (Northern Ireland) 2016.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission pursuant to AQW 61/17-22, whether (i) the Police Service of Northern Ireland; or (ii) any other agency is consulted when it comes to the issuing of passes for Parliament Buildings under the Commission's Security Policy.

(AQW 78/17-22)

Mr Maskey (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The Assembly Commission utilises the services of Access NI to undertake the security clearance of prospective employees, agency workers, persons on inward secondment or interchange, bursary students and contractors. In that regard, the Commission does not directly consult with the PSNI.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission pursuant to AQW 61/17-22, how many passes for Parliament Buildings have been refused in consequence of the Commission's Security Policy.

(AQW 79/17-22)

Mr Maskey (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): Details of applications for Assembly ID passes that have been refused are only retained for three months from the date of refusal. As of this date, no record is held in relation to any such refusal.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission pursuant to AQW 61/17-22, to outline the categories of persons to whom passes for Parliament Buildings are issued under the Commission's Security Policy.

(AQW 81/17-22)

Mr Maskey (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The Assembly Commission's Security Policy has five categories of persons to whom passes can be issued under the Policy. These are:

- Members / Party Staff;
- Assembly Secretariat staff / Agency workers;
- Catering / Assembly Broadcasting;
- Media; and
- Officials and Other.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission pursuant to AQW 61/17-22, how many passes for Parliament Buildings are currently issued in respect of each category of person to whom passes for Parliament Buildings are issued under the Commission's Security Policy.

(AQW 82/17-22)

Mr Maskey (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The Assembly Commission can confirm that ID passes are currently issued to the following categories of persons as shown below:

- Members/Party staff - 248
- Assembly Secretariat staff/Agency workers - 345
- Catering/Assembly Broadcasting - 92
- Media - 133
- Officials and others - 265

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission pursuant to AQW 61/17-22, whether any criminal conviction check is carried out in respect of applicants for passes under the Commission's Security Policy.

(AQW 83/17-22)

Mr Dickson (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The Assembly Commission utilises the services of Access NI to undertake the security clearance of prospective employees, agency workers, persons on inward secondment or interchange, bursary students and contractors. Those services include a criminal conviction check that generally includes details of all unspent convictions or will state that no such convictions were found.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission pursuant to AQW 61/17-22, how many passes in total are currently issued.

(AQW 84/17-22)

Mr Dickson (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The Assembly Commission can confirm that 1,083 Assembly ID passes are currently issued.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission pursuant to AQW 61/17-22, how many passes are currently issued to each of the parties represented in the Assembly.

(AQW 85/17-22)

Mr Dickson (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): In addition to the 90 passes issued to Members, a further 37 passes have been issued by the Assembly Commission to Parties as follows:

Party	Passes Issued
Alliance Party	4
Democratic Unionist Party	9
Green Party	4
People Before Profit Alliance	-
Social Democratic and Labour Party	7
Sinn Féin	4
Traditional Unionist Voice	1
Ulster Unionist Party	8

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission pursuant to AQW 60/17-22, when do the passes referred to in the response expire.

(AQW 86/17-22)

Mr Wells (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The ID passes referred to in the aforementioned response will be recovered when the pass holders no longer require access to Parliament Buildings.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission pursuant to AQW 75/17-22, to specify the expiry dates of the five passes issued to officials of the Dublin Government.

(AQW 88/17-22)

Mr Swann (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): These ID passes will remain in issue until the pass holders no longer require access to Parliament Buildings.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission pursuant to AQW 75/17-22, (i) whether any consultation, political or otherwise, took place before passes were issued to officials of the Dublin Government; and (ii) if so, with whom.

(AQW 89/17-22)

Mr Swann (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The passes referred to were issued at official level in line with normal practice and no consultation, political or otherwise, was undertaken or required.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission pursuant to AQW 61/17-22, whether a copy of the criteria applied and the current policy in respect of the issuing of passes for Parliament Buildings will be placed in the Assembly Library .

(AQW 90/17-22)

Mr Dickson (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The Assembly Commission will place a copy of the Security Policy in the Assembly Library.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission (i) how many breaches of an Independent Financial Review Panel determination is the Commission aware of; and (ii) with what consequences.

(AQW 91/17-22)

Mr Wells (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The Assembly Commission has recorded six breaches of the Assembly Members (Salaries and Expenses) Determination (Northern Ireland) 2016. Data on Members' compliance with previous Determinations issued by the Independent Financial Review Panel is not collated or recorded centrally.

Once a breach of a Determination is confirmed, full recovery of any monies paid during a period of non-compliance is sought. Paragraph 43 of the 2016 Determination records the provisions for the recovery of money. Three of the breaches relate to the conditions set out in paragraph 14 of the Determination (Rent and rates: signage conditions) and three relate to paragraph 10 (Payments outside the European Union). Recovery has been sought in each of the six recorded breaches.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission pursuant to AQW 74/17-22, whether the Commission will now address part (i) of the question tabled.

(AQW 92/17-22)

Mr Maskey (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): Instructions received by the Commission relating to how a Member's salary should be lawfully distributed is a private matter between the Commission and the individual Member. Authority is given by an individual to use these instructions solely for payroll processing purposes. Further processing would breach Principle 1 of the Data Protection Act 1998. Processing is not limited to disclosure but includes carrying out any set of operations on the personal data, as set out in the Data Protection Act 1998. On this basis the response to AQW 74/17-12 remains as previously issued.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission pursuant to AQW 61/17-22, to detail the security-related criteria applicable under the Commission's Security Policy.

(AQW 93/17-22)

Mr Swann (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The Assembly Commission's Security Policy is accessible to all Members on AssISt.

For convenience, a hard copy of the policy has been sent to the Member.

Paragraphs 10 to 20 cover ID passes.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission pursuant to AQW 75/17-22, to detail at whose request five passes were issued to officials from the Government of the Republic of Ireland.

(AQW 94/17-22)

Mr Dickson (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The Assembly welcomes a wide range of parliamentarians, diplomats, government ministers, dignitaries and other delegations to Parliament Buildings.

The Assembly Commission operates a permanent and temporary ID pass system that ensures that appropriate passes are made available to Members and other persons working or visiting Parliament Buildings.

The Commission's Security Policy outlines the categories of persons to whom such passes are issued, and all passes are allocated to visitors using this policy. Once issued, pass-holders are required to comply with the terms of the pass that has been allocated to them.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission to what charitable organisations or agencies has the Commission administered payments to during the current financial year.

(AQW 98/17-22)

Mr Maskey (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The Assembly Commission has not made any charitable donations during the current financial year. For charitable payments made through payroll, the Commission has administered payments to the Give as You Earn payroll giving scheme operated by the Charities Aid Foundation. A payment in such a scheme is paid directly to the scheme operator and the operator then distributes the payment on the donor's behalf to the chosen charity. No payments are made to charities directly by the Commission.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission to what third party agencies has the Commission administered payments during the current financial year.

(AQW 99/17-22)

Mr Swann (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The Assembly Commission administers payments to a significant number of third party agencies to meet the costs of running and maintaining Parliament Buildings and providing services to the Assembly. From 1 April 2017 to 20 December 2017, approximately 580 third party payments have been made to over 230 separate suppliers. The Commission also administers payments to and on behalf of Members to enable the recovery of costs incurred when carrying out each Member's Assembly functions. As these payments are made either by way of reimbursement to Members or on behalf of Members, they are not included in these figures.

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Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission pursuant to the response to AQW 92/17-22, (i) has the Commission sought the advice of the Information Commissioner as to whether or not it would be a breach of the Data Protection Act 1998 to provide the number of Members - without identifying any such Member - who have given notice that they wish to avail of a payroll giving scheme in respect of charitable donations from salary, and; (ii) if not, will the Commission do so.

(AQW 95/17-22)

Mr Wells (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The Commission has not sought the advice of the Information Commissioner on this matter.

As a Data Controller, the Commission must ensure that any processing of personal data for which it is responsible complies with the Data Protection Act 1998. In its role as Data Controller, the Commission determines the purposes for which and the manner in which any personal data are, or are to be, processed. Failure to do so risks enforcement action, prosecution or compensation claims from individuals.

The Information Commissioner's Office provides a helpline for organisations to seek advice where this is necessary but a decision on how and why personal data are processed in accordance with the legislation rests with a Data Controller. As the Data Controller, the Commission is content that its decision is compliant with the Data Protection Act 1998 and there are no plans to liaise with the Information Commissioner's Office at this time. As with all matters of legislative compliance, the Commission will keep this matter under review.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission pursuant to AQW 92/17-22, to specify each and every respect in which it is contended that to provide the number of Members - without identifying any such Member - who have given notice that they wish to avail of a payroll giving scheme in respect of charitable donations from salary, would involve the processing of data in breach of Principle 1 of the Data Protection Act 1998, having regard to the provisions of Part II of Schedule 1 of the said Act.

(AQW 96/17-22)

Mr Wells (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) issues guidance for Data Controllers on these matters. Regarding the processing of personal data, the guidance states that "Data Controllers must ensure that any processing of personal data for which they are responsible complies with the Act. Failure to do so risks enforcement action, even prosecution, and compensation claims from individuals." Processing of data is clearly defined in the Data Protection Act 1998 and includes: "(b) the retrieval, consultation or use of the information or data, and (c) the disclosure of the information or data by transmission, dissemination or otherwise making available."

As the Data Controller for payroll information, any instructions received by the Commission relating to how a Member's salary should be lawfully distributed is a private matter between the Commission and the individual Member. Authority is given by an individual to use these instructions solely for payroll processing purposes. It is the Commission's view that further processing would breach Principle 1 of the Data Protection Act 1998. Principle 1 has been considered having regard to the provisions of Part II of Schedule 1 of the Act.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission pursuant to AQW 92/17-22, will the Commission recite the terms of the authority given by a Member in the circumstances referred to in the answer.

(AQW 97/17-22)

Mr Wells (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): Payroll information, including any specific instructions received by the Assembly Commission relating to how a Member's salary should be lawfully distributed, is a private matter between the Commission and the individual Member.

The authority given by a Member to use these instructions for payroll processing purposes is initially derived from a "Member Information Form" that is completed by Members which states that the information contained in the form is:

"For internal use by the Northern Ireland Assembly secretariat."

The form also contains a footnote on every page that expressly records that the information contained on the form (once completed):

"will be used for Information Systems Office / Finance Office / Payroll / HR / Communications and Security purposes as appropriate. All data will be held and processed according to the Data Protection Act 1998."

In completing the form, each Member has to sign and date the following declaration:

"I am content that the information I have provided throughout this form is used for legitimate Assembly business purposes."

i.e. for internal use by the Assembly Secretariat.

Should a Member wish to instruct the Commission to lawfully distribute a portion of salary through a payroll giving scheme (such as the Give As You Earn scheme operated by the Charities Aid Foundation (CAF)), additional authority is given by the Member. A CAF donor form is completed, which states that the:

"Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) will use your details to provide the CAF Give As You Earn® service to you and inform you of any additional products or benefits CAF believes will be of interest to you. If you would prefer not to be contacted, please tick the relevant boxes."

It is the Commission's view that further processing of the information contained on either of these forms would breach Principle 1 of the Data Protection Act 1998 which requires the Commission to process personal data fairly and lawfully.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission pursuant to AQW 94/17-22, to detail at whose request five passes were issued to officials from the Government of the Republic of Ireland.

(AQW 100/17-22)

Mr Dickson (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): Five applications for passes were received from officials from the Government of the Republic of Ireland. As the Assembly welcomes a wide range of parliamentarians, diplomats, government ministers, dignitaries and other delegations to Parliament Buildings, these applications for passes were processed in line with the Commission's Security Policy. The Assembly Commission operates a permanent and temporary ID pass system that ensures that appropriate passes are made available to Members and other persons working or visiting Parliament Buildings.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission pursuant to AQW 75/17-22, are the holders of the passes referred to subject to the regular scans and searches applicable to visitors to Parliament Buildings.

(AQW 101/17-22)

Mr Wells (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The Assembly Commission can confirm that, with the exception of Members, all pass holders must present their Assembly ID pass to electronic card readers on entering and exiting Parliament Buildings and must wear and clearly display their Assembly ID pass at all times whilst inside Parliament Buildings. Similarly, all non-Member pass holders are subject to the scans and searches that are applicable to visitors to Parliament Buildings. Therefore, the holders of the passes referred to in the Question are subject to these searches.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission pursuant to AQW 75/17-22, are the holders of the passes referred to subject to any restraint as to the parts of Parliament Buildings to which they have access.

(AQW 102/17-22)

Mr Maskey (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The Assembly Commission can confirm that the holders of those passes are not subject to any restriction as to the parts of Parliament Buildings to which they have access.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission pursuant to AQW 75/17-22, are the holders of the passes referred to required to scan in and out in the same way as staff do.

(AQW 103/17-22)

Mr Swann (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The Assembly Commission can confirm that all building users issued with an Assembly ID Pass, with the exception of Members, must present the issued pass to the proximity readers in order to gain entry into and as they exit Parliament Buildings.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission pursuant to AQW 75/17-22, to list the dates on which the holders of the passes referred to have been present in Parliament Buildings since being issued with their passes.

(AQW 104/17-22)

Mr Dickson (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The Assembly Commission does not release specific details of the dates of access and egress for individual Assembly ID pass holders at Parliament Buildings.

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Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission pursuant to AQW 58/17-22, to provide an update on its investigation into the provenance of the Union table.

(AQW 105/17-22)

Mr Wells (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): As noted in response to AQW 58/17-22, investigations into this matter have so far been inconclusive but it has been suggested by a Fine Art Consultant that the age and style of the table may not be consistent with that era (c1800).

The Commission is currently seeking the views of another expert in this field. It is hoped that this will enable the Commission to form a definitive view on the provenance of the table by the end of February 2018.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission for an update on arrangements to inspect and organise a display of Assembly artefacts held in storage.

(AQW 106/17-22)

Mr Maskey (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): At its meeting on 31 January 2018, the Assembly Commission agreed to provide an opportunity for MLAs and journalists to view the artefacts, artwork and furniture that is currently held in off-site storage.

Accordingly, an invitation to view these items will be extended shortly to MLAs and journalists.

Mr Agnew asked the Assembly Commission for an update on the status of the Youth Panel since the presentation of its proposals in 2011.

(AQW 107/17-22)

Mr Swann (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The Youth Panel was established to undertake a time-bounded project to develop proposals for a Northern Ireland youth assembly and it duly carried out that work between March 2010 and September 2011. Following presentation of its proposals to the Assembly Commission in March 2011, and the Commission's subsequent public consultation on a youth assembly, the Panel's final role was to assist with the review of responses to that consultation and approving minor changes to its original proposals. The Youth Panel is now no longer in place.

Since the Assembly elections in 2017 the Assembly Commission has given priority to issues arising from the current political difficulties and has not considered proposals relating to a youth assembly. When a new Commission is appointed, officials intend to engage with it at an early stage, with the aim of agreeing options and pursuing funding to establish a youth assembly.

In the interim, I understand that the Speaker has asked officials to add the youth assembly to the agenda for the Commission's next scheduled meeting in early March so that there is an opportunity for the current Commission to consider the potential for addressing this issue at the present time.

Mr Agnew asked the Assembly Commission to outline (i) what consideration has been given to supporting a Youth Assembly for Northern Ireland; and (ii) what is required for the establishment of such a body.

(AQW 108/17-22)

Mr Swann (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): In 2011 the Assembly Commission considered proposals from the Youth Panel for a Northern Ireland Youth Assembly. Based on those proposals, the Commission undertook a public consultation between May and September 2011. That consultation demonstrated widespread support for a youth assembly and for the Youth Panel's proposed model, which included proposals that the delivery of such an assembly should be contracted out to an external youth organisation. Due to constraints on the Assembly Commission's budget at that time, and with no additional funding being available for the project from the Executive, proposals for a youth assembly were put on hold and the Commission focused on other engagement initiatives with young people through its education and outreach programmes, including securing funding through Erasmus+ for a youth project on mental health, and the work of Committees.

Since the Assembly elections in 2017 the Assembly Commission has given priority to issues arising from the current political difficulties and has not considered proposals relating to a youth assembly. Speaker Newton agreed last June to permit the Youth Congress to use the Assembly Chamber for the second time and presided over the event on 22 February 2018. In anticipation that this issue will be raised, I understand that the Speaker has asked officials to add the youth assembly to the agenda for the Commission's next scheduled meeting in early March so that there is an opportunity for the current Commission to consider the potential for addressing this issue at the present time.

Mr Agnew asked the Assembly Commission for an update on the proposed Youth Assembly for Northern Ireland, as approved by the Assembly Commission in 2011.

(AQW 109/17-22)

Mr Swann (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The answer to Assembly question AQW 108/17-22 also refers.

Since the Assembly Commission considered proposals from the Youth Panel for a Northern Ireland Youth Assembly in 2011, it is my understanding that a number of obstacles were encountered including constraints on the Commission's budget, and being unable to obtain agreement from OFMdfM on a model which could be taken forward with Executive funding.

In recognition of the difficulties, the Commission pursued a range of other activities where progress could be made to engage with young people. It also minimised reductions to the Education Service budget relative to other areas of the Secretariat in order to prioritise that work. To underline the importance of youth engagement, Speaker McLaughlin granted the Northern Ireland Youth Forum the rare privilege of using the Assembly Chamber for its Youth Congress debate for the first time in November 2015 and presided over the event.

Following that event, and ahead of the 2016 elections, Speaker McLaughlin raised correspondence at the Commission between himself and the Chairperson of the Northern Ireland Youth Forum. While agreeing that a youth assembly was an issue to be returned to in the future, the Commission concurred with Speaker McLaughlin's view of the need to take an approach which reached as many young people as possible, including by mainstreaming youth engagement into the main business of the Assembly and its committees on issues such as mental health which the Northern Ireland Youth Forum had chosen as its priority issue.

The Commission appreciates the frustration which exists over the fact that there is currently no Youth Assembly. In the event of the Assembly returning to normal business, a newly elected Speaker and successor Commission, could expect to be approached at an early stage to consider a range of options in order to advance the development of a youth assembly. In the interim, it is not as easy to assess what progress can be made at the present time.

Since the Assembly dissolved for early elections in January 2017, the outgoing Assembly Commission has not given consideration to the introduction of a youth assembly as it has been prioritising issues arising from the political situation, including staff redeployment. The Commission has been cautious in relation to starting new initiatives, and proposals for new expenditure, amidst the current political uncertainty.

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Mr Agnew asked the Assembly Commission to outline what plans there are for establishing a statutory role within the structures of the Assembly to encourage youth participation in politics locally.

(AQW 110/17-22)

Mr Swann (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): When a new Assembly Commission is appointed, officials intend to engage with it at an early stage, with the aim of agreeing options and pursuing funding to establish a youth assembly.

There are currently no plans for establishing a statutory role within the structures of the Assembly to encourage youth participation. However, the Assembly Commission remains committed to engaging young people in the work of the Assembly. The Education Service continues to work with schools and the youth sector to increase young people's understanding of the work of the Assembly and to encourage their engagement with the democratic process. The Education Service has also worked with Assembly Committees to consult young people on legislation and inquiry issues, including:

- School Councils (2011-12);
- Marine Bill (2012-13);
- Shared and Integrated Education (2014-15);
- School Inspections (2013-14);
- Building a United Community Strategy (2014-15);
- Addressing Bullying in Schools Bill (2015-16); and
- Road Traffic Bill (2015-16).

In addition, the Assembly Commission's Education and Outreach services work with schools and youth organisations to raise awareness of how the Assembly works, how to influence its decisions and the wider democratic process.

The Education Service engages with approximately 14,000 young people per year, through inward visits, outreach programmes and special projects. The Education Service also developed a 'Let's Talk' programme, to bring young people and MLAs together to discuss issues concerning young people, with an average of five events per year held across Northern Ireland.

European Union funding (Erasmus+) was secured by the Education Service to run a year-long programme involving over 30 young people. They consulted other young people across Northern Ireland about their chosen issue of young people's mental health and the services available to support them. The young people reported their findings to two Assembly Committees.

Dr Aiken asked the Assembly Commission whether it was previous custom for it to be consulted on administrative changes to guidance made by Assembly officials in relation to the Assembly Members' (Salaries and Expenses) Determination (Northern Ireland) 2016.

(AQW 116/17-22)

Mr Maskey (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): Paragraph 50 of the Assembly Members' (Salaries and Expenses) Determination (Northern Ireland) 2016 specified that commencement date for the majority of the Determination's provisions was 6 May 2016. In advance of that date, the Administrative Guide for Claiming Financial Support was prepared by officials and was issued to all Members in May 2016.

The Determination establishes the levels of financial support for Members and any qualifying criteria that must be applied when claiming for financial support. The purpose of the guidance is to assist Members in claiming support and to ensure full compliance with the qualifying criteria provisions of the Determination. As such, the Administrative Guide mainly covers advice to Members but, where necessary, it also contains prescriptive elements that must be met to provide adequate assurance that all the qualifying criteria provisions set out in the Determination are met.

In setting out the administrative processes to be followed and the prescriptive elements that must be met, the guidance is designed to be used over the lifetime of the Determination. As such, it is anticipated that the guidance should only alter infrequently during this period. However, the document is reviewed from time to time to ensure that it continues to represent best practice particularly in relation to recommendations made in Internal Audit reports and findings from the Northern Ireland Audit Office (NIAO). Where improvements to controls are recommended or redundant processes are identified, changes are incorporated into the document without consultation with the Commission.

In advance of the publication of the 2016 Determination, the Commission undertook detailed and deliberate consideration of many aspects of Members' claims for financial support. At its meeting on 17 February 2016, the Commission reaffirmed its position that no elected Member (including Commission Members) should have any role in the claims review process.

The Administrative Guidance was not approved by the Commission before it was issued and, since May 2016, there has only been one review of the Administrative Guide. Changes at that time (January 2018) were not referred to the Commission so there is no previous custom to consult with the Commission.

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Mr Agnew asked the Assembly Commission to detail how it plans to expedite the establishment of a Youth Parliament locally to ensure that Northern Ireland is in compliance with General Comment No. 12 on the right of the child to be heard, published in 2009 by the United Nations' Committee on the Rights of the Child.

(AQW 111/17-22)

Mr Dickson (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): Further to the detail set out in AQWs 107-110/17-22, the Assembly Commission carried out considerable work between 2009 and 2011 regarding the establishment of a youth assembly. Since then, a number of challenges, including budget constraints and a lack of political agreement on a model to take forward, have resulted in the project being put on hold.

Notwithstanding those constraints and lack of agreement, the Commission has actively pursued a range of other activities to engage young people, not least through its Education Service. The Commission has also undertaken a variety of events and projects in order to promote engagement of young people with the business of the Assembly, including its committees. Indeed, you will be aware that Northern Ireland Youth Forum was granted the rare privilege of using the Assembly Chamber to hold two youth assemblies, the first in November 2016 and the second only last week.

I understand that the Speaker has asked officials to include an item on the agenda for the Commission's next scheduled meeting in early March to provide it with the opportunity to consider the potential for addressing the issue of a youth assembly at the present time.

Mr Agnew asked the Assembly Commission to detail the consideration given to the role of voluntary sector youth organisations in the establishment of a Youth Assembly.

(AQW 112/17-22)

Mr Dickson (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The Assembly Commission carried out considerable work between 2009 and 2011 regarding the establishment of a youth assembly. During that period the Commission involved and consulted a number of representative youth organisations and accepted their advice that young people should drive the project.

In addition to consulting representative youth organisations, the Commission recruited a panel of 30 young people between the ages of 16 and 18 to develop proposals for a youth assembly. The resulting Youth Panel consulted a range of organisations to find out their views on a youth assembly and many youth organisations helped organise consultation events. In addition, the Spirit of Enniskillen Trust, Youth Action and the Northern Ireland Youth Forum worked in partnership with the

Commission to deliver residential weekend workshops to train the Youth Panel in research and consultation skills. In addition Youth Action and the Northern Ireland Youth Forum assisted Assembly Commission staff and the Youth Panel to develop its proposals for a youth assembly.

The Youth Panel presented its proposals to the Assembly Commission in March 2011. A public consultation exercise was then held which provided a further opportunity for youth organisations to put forward their views and help shape the final proposals, which included the recommendation that the delivery of a youth assembly should be contracted out to a youth organisation.

Mr Agnew asked the Assembly Commission what role it envisages for young people in the establishment and co-ordination of a Youth Assembly.
(AQW 113/17-22)

Mr Dickson (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): As detailed in AQW 112/17-22 (see above), from the outset the Assembly Commission has fully engaged young people in the development of proposals for the establishment of a youth assembly. Those proposals included the recommendation that the delivery of a youth assembly should be contracted out to a youth organisation.

Decisions on the model and implementation of a youth assembly will be for the Assembly Commission to take in due course but it is anticipated that this will include consideration of how young people should be involved in its operation. The Speaker has asked officials to include an item on the agenda for the Commission's next scheduled meeting in early March to provide it with the opportunity to consider the potential for addressing the issue of a youth assembly at the present time.

Mr Agnew asked the Assembly Commission to detail any estimated costs prepared as part of its consideration of the establishment of a Youth Assembly.
(AQW 114/17-22)

Mr Dickson (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The costs of a 2½ year pilot youth assembly, in line with the model developed by the Youth Panel between March 2010 and March 2011, were estimated to be between £417,000 and £517,000. These figures were partly informed by the costs of other youth assemblies, including the Scottish Youth Parliament. Given the passage of time, new estimates would be developed for any models considered by the Assembly Commission to develop a youth assembly.

Dr Aiken asked the Assembly Commission (i) to provide the full background and explanation to the creation of a two-stage appeals process before its publication on 15 January 2018; and (ii) to explain on whose authority or request it was developed.[R]
(AQW 115/17-22)

Mr Wells (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): A two stage review/appeal process in relation to Members' claims for financial support was introduced in the Financial Support to Members Handbook which was published in March 2011. This followed the implementation of the Northern Ireland Assembly (Members' Expenditure) Determination 2010 on 10 February 2011. The rationale for a two stage appeal process has remained unaltered since 2011 – it provides a fair and equitable means to avoid and resolve disputes. The Handbook was considered and endorsed by the Assembly Commission at its meeting on 22 February 2011. The appeal process remained unaltered and available to Members following the introduction of subsequent Determinations up to 2016.

In September 2015, the Assembly Commission appointed the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority (IPSA) to undertake a peer review of the administration of the framework of financial support for Members. While the review found no major areas of concerns, the final report made a number of recommendations that sought to bring clarity and consistency to administrative processes. This included the appeal process. Consequently, a number of minor changes were made to ensure a more formal, consistent approach to dealing with the review of Members' claims as part of an appeal process. These changes were introduced in the Administrative Guide to Claiming Financial Support which was first published in May 2016. The Administrative Guide was provided to all Members who were elected to the Assembly at the election held on 5 May 2016.

Following an internal review of the Administrative Guide in December 2017, further minor changes were made to the appeal process. These changes introduced a template for appeal submissions to the Clerk/Chief Executive as part of the second stage of the appeal process. They also set time limits for the submission of an appeal by a Member.

Therefore, a two stage appeal process has been in place since 2011 and was issued following the endorsement of the Assembly Commission.

Dr Aiken asked the Assembly Commission to detail (i) every change to the Assembly Members' (Salaries and Expenses) Determination (Northern Ireland) 2016 and administrative guidance since 2016; (ii) an explanation for each change; (iii) on whose request each change was made; (iv) a rationale for each change; (v) whether the Assembly Commission was consulted on each change; and (vi) if not, why not.[R]
(AQW 117/17-22)

Mr Swann (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The Assembly Members' (Salaries and Expenses) Determination (Northern Ireland) 2016, effective from 6 May 2016, was published in March 2016. The Determination was

made under the functions set out in section 2 of the Assembly Members (Independent Financial Review and Standards) Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 ("the 2011 Act") by the Independent Financial Review Panel.

The Panel has sole authority for making or amending Determinations. Section 3 of the 2011 Act specifies that the Panel shall not, in the exercise of its functions, be subject to the direction or control of the Assembly or the Assembly Commission. The 2016 Determination has not been altered by the Panel meaning that sub-questions (i) to (vi), above, are not relevant for the 2016 Determination.

The Administrative Guide to Claiming Financial Support is produced to assist Members in claiming support and to ensure full compliance with the provisions of the 2016 Determination. In the main, the Administrative Guide covers advice to Members but, where necessary, it also contains prescriptive elements that must be met to provide adequate assurance that all the provisions set out in the Determination are met. The Guide was first issued in May 2016 and was not approved by the Commission before it was issued.

In setting out the administrative processes to be followed and the prescriptive elements that must be met, the guidance is designed to be used over the lifetime of the Determination. As such, it is anticipated that the guidance should only alter infrequently during this period. However, the document is reviewed from time to time to ensure that it continues to represent best practice particularly in relation to recommendations made in Internal Audit reports and findings from the Northern Ireland Audit Office (NIAO). Where improvements to controls are recommended or redundant processes are identified, changes can be incorporated into the document.

The Administrative Guide was first published in May 2016 and was distributed to all Members who were elected to the Assembly at the election held on 5 May 2016. A review of the Guide was completed in January 2018 and a revised version was issued to all Members.

In terms of the Guide, the responses to points (i) to (vi), above, are as follows:

- (i) In addition to a number of formatting changes, a small number of minor changes were made to the content. The most significant change to the guidance included a requirement for Members to provide the attendance records that must be kept under paragraph 26(4) of the 2016 Determination. A change was also made to the appeal process to introduce a time limit for the submission of an appeal to the Clerk/Chief Executive and to provide a template for Members to use when submitting an appeal. A change was made to remove the requirement to submit a Landlord Declaration form for those Members who wished to make claims for Constituency Office Expenses but who do not claim for the cost of rent or rates;
- (ii) These changes were made after considering the latest observations from an Internal Audit report on Members' Expenses for 2016/17 and from an internal review carried out by the Finance Office following the first full year's operation of the administrative framework;
- (iii) No specific request was made to give effect to the changes. All of the administrative changes were made by the Finance Office following full consultation with the Director of Corporate Services and the Clerk/Chief Executive, as appropriate;
- (iv) These changes are designed to provide explicit assurance to the Accounting Officer that the requirements of the Determination are being met (as they relate to travel allowances), to improve already existing processes by ensuring a consistent approach within the appeals process and to remove a requirement to submit a declaration that did was not relevant to all Members;
- (v) The Commission was not consulted; and
- (vi) These changes were administrative in nature or related to assurances required by the Accounting Officer and, as such, did not require consultation with the Commission.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission whether any staff are seconded to work outside the jurisdiction of Northern Ireland and, if so, (i) how many; (ii) to whom; and (iii) who is paying their salaries.
(AQW 118/17-22)

Mr Dickson (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The Assembly Commission does not have any formal secondment arrangements in place for staff outside Northern Ireland. However, the Commission has utilised its contacts in other legislatures to seek to maintain the skills and experience of its staff during the period when the Assembly has not been fully functioning through a process of redeployment. All redeployment arrangements enable Assembly Commission staff to be recalled immediately once the Assembly resumes its full range of functions.

Information in relation to redeployed staff is collated on a monthly basis and the information below is accurate as of 19 February 2018. The figures provided are on the basis of full-time equivalent (FTE) staff.

- (i) 11.0 FTE staff have been redeployed to work for bodies located outside the jurisdiction of Northern Ireland, although the majority of the work is carried out in Parliament Buildings.
- (ii) The breakdown of the organisations that the staff have been redeployed to work for is as follows:
 - 4.2 FTE staff - House of Commons;
 - 4.6 FTE staff - Scottish Parliament;

- 1.4 FTE staff - House of Lords; and
- 0.8 FTE staff - Houses of the Oireachtas.

(iii) The Assembly Commission pays the salaries of the redeployed staff.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission pursuant to AQW 118/17-22, how much the seconded staff have cost the Northern Ireland Assembly to date.

(AQW 119/17-22)

Mr Wells (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The response to AQW 118/17-22 records that the Assembly Commission does not have any staff who are seconded to work outside Northern Ireland.

Instead, a process of redeployment (including redeployments to other legislatures but on the understanding that the majority of the work is carried out in Parliament Buildings) has been put in place to seek to maintain the skills and experience of the Commission's staff during the period when the Assembly is not fully functioning. This process became fully effective in October 2017.

The time that staff members work for an entity outside the jurisdiction of Northern Ireland can vary from month to month and is generally time bound. For the staff who have been working with other legislatures since October 2017, the cost to date is £158,004.

The breakdown of this total is as follows:

- House of Commons - £70,864;
- Scottish Parliament - £57,572;
- House of Lords - £14,542; and
- The Houses of the Oireachtas - £15,026.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission pursuant to AQW 118/17-22, whether the Northern Ireland Assembly is paying any (i) travel; or (ii) other expenses to these staff in relation to their secondments to other bodies.

(AQW 120/17-22)

Mr Maskey (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): Host organisations are required to agree to the Reasonable Expenses Policy before staff can be redeployed. This policy states that all travel and accommodation costs are to be met directly by the host organisation. In all cases, the host organisation will decide on the quantum and eligibility criteria for any overnight / living away from home subsistence expenses that are payable to a member of staff.

The Assembly has not, therefore, paid any travel or other expenses to these staff in relation to their redeployments to other public bodies.

Dr Aiken asked the Assembly Commission pursuant to AQW 116/17-22, to detail how the actions in this response were compliant with 44.(1) of the Assembly Members (Salaries and Expenses) Determination (Northern Ireland) 2016 which states that 'the Commission may from time to time publish any code, guidance or direction' and which under 47. (2) states 'the Commission means the Northern Ireland Assembly Commission'.

(AQW 121/17-22)

Mr Swann (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): In advance of the publication of the 2016 Determination, the Commission undertook detailed and deliberate consideration of many aspect of Members' claims for financial support. At its meeting on 17 February 2016, the Commission reaffirmed its position that no elected Member (including Commission Members) should have any role in the claims review process. This has been taken to include the publication of guidance and directions aimed at assisting Members in claiming support.

The Assembly Commission is the body corporate for the Northern Ireland Assembly. The Commission is chaired by the Speaker and is appointed from the membership of the Assembly in accordance with Standing Orders. The elected Members who make up the Commission do not carry out administrative or executive functions. Instead, under paragraph 4 of Schedule 5 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998, the Commission has formally delegated to the Clerk / Chief Executive all the functions associated with providing the Assembly or ensuring that the Assembly is provided with the property, staff and services required for the Assembly's purposes with a number of defined exceptions. This delegation includes the administrative process associated with the provision of services to Members for claiming financial support.

Any guidance or direction that is published to assist Members to claim financial support and which seeks to ensure compliance with the Determination, is undertaken within the terms of this formal delegation and fulfils the provisions of Paragraph 44 (1) of the Determination.

Mr Agnew asked the Assembly Commission what consideration has been given to the divestment of the Assembly Members Pension Scheme from companies engaged in fossil fuel extraction.

(AQW 122/17-22)

Mr Swann (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The Assembly Members Pension Scheme (Northern Ireland) 2016 is a trust-based occupational pension scheme. Up to five Members are appointed by resolution of the Assembly to act as Trustees. The Trustees are responsible for administering the Pension Fund in accordance with the scheme rules, the law as it relates to pensions, tax and trust matters and pensions regulatory guidance.

The Trustees have appointed an Investment Manager to invest the pension fund on a day to day basis.

The appointment and direction of the Investment Manager is a matter for the Pension Trustees. It is not a matter for the Assembly Commission. If you wish to contact the Trustees regarding this matter, please do so by contacting the Human Resources Office's Pensions Team.

Dr Aiken asked the Assembly Commission to provide a copy of the final internal audit report, completed in October/November 2017, relating to the Finance Department of the Corporate Services Directorate.
(AQW 123/17-22)

Mr Dickson (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The Assembly Commission will place a copy of the review of Financial Support to Members 2016-2017 Internal Audit Report in the Assembly Library.

Dr Aiken asked the Assembly Commission pursuant to AQW 116/17-22, whether the guidance was also amended in March 2017.
(AQW 124/17-22)

Mr Wells (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The Administrative Guide for Claiming Financial Support (the Guide) was prepared in May 2016 following the publication of the Assembly Members (Salaries and Expenses) Determination (Northern Ireland) 2016. The first full review of the Guide was carried out in January 2018, with a revised copy of the Guide being re-issued to all Members at that time. This review included an appraisal of the administrative processes and controls that are in place to ensure that the Guide continues to represent best practice particularly in relation to recommendations made in Internal Audit reports and findings from the Northern Ireland Audit Office (NIAO). Where improvements to controls are recommended or redundant processes are identified the Guide is revised and re-issued to Members.

Minor grammatical or editorial changes can be made from time to time in the intervening periods between reviews of the Guide. These changes do not generally result in the Guide being re-issued to all Members. Such changes are incorporated into the "live" version of the Guide. At the time of the election in March 2017, a number of minor editorial changes were made. In the main, these related to references to the commencement date of 6 May 2016 for the majority of the 2016 Determination's provisions. At the time of the March 2017 election, these references were redundant as the commencement date had passed and they were removed. A number of other minor editorial and grammatical changes were made. These editorial and grammatical amendments did not introduce any changes to the application of the Determination nor did they place any additional requirements or have any impact on the submission of claims for financial support by Members. The Guide was not re-issued to returning Members but was provided to newly elected Members following the March 2017 election.

May 2018

Dr Aiken asked the Assembly Commission to detail the specific steps being taken to increase IT security following increased cyber threats.
(AQW 125/17-22)

Mr Maskey (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The Assembly Commission takes the security of its IT systems very seriously and strives continuously to ensure that all systems are secure. This includes daily monitoring of systems, the provision of up-to-date anti-virus software on all Assembly computers and undertaking of regular independent security testing of Assembly systems. Over recent months these security measures have been further enhanced following increased cyber threats, including:

- 1 Increased daily monitoring of the Assembly Commission's network and Office 365 environment.
- 2 Improving password strength by increasing the number of characters required from 8 to 10.
- 3 By regularly issuing general security advice and providing the latest guidance on password security.
- 4 Requiring all Office 365 users to change their password following the provision of guidance on password strength.
- 5 Implementing Multi-Factor Authentication to provide an additional layer of login security for mobile devices, which is currently being rolled out.
- 6 Planning for security enhancements to further secure the Office 365 login process.

Dr Aiken asked the Assembly Commission whether (i) the PSNI has been notified of the recent cyber attack, (ii) the PSNI is investigating the recent attack; and (iii) to detail the assistance being given to any investigation.
(AQW 126/17-22)

Mr Maskey (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) was notified of the recent cyber-attack on the Assembly Commission's Office 365 email system on 21st March 2018.

The PSNI Cyber Crime Centre are carrying out an investigation into the incident.

The Assembly Commission has assisted the PSNI with its investigation by providing access to all relevant information and liaising closely with the PSNI Cyber Crime team. The National Cyber Security Centre was also notified of the cyber-attack and is assisting the PSNI with its investigation.

Dr Aiken asked the Assembly Commission to detail the recent cyber attack from an external source.
(AQW 127/17-22)

Mr Maskey (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): On 21st March 2018, the Northern Ireland Assembly Commission's Information Systems (IS) Office daily monitoring identified a high number of failed logon attempts and account lock-outs on the Assembly Office 365 email environment which appeared suspicious.

The PSNI Cyber Crime Centre and the National Cyber Security Centre are carrying out an investigation to determine whether any data breach has occurred. To date we have no evidence of any unauthorised access to or suspicious activity on the Assembly's Office 365 email accounts.

Additional work will be required in the coming months to further strengthen the authentication process to prevent any further similar attacks. IS Office remains vigilant and is continuing to closely monitor all Office 365 login activity.

Dr Aiken asked the Assembly Commission for an update on the scale of the cyber threat facing the Northern Ireland Assembly.
(AQW 128/17-22)

Mr Maskey (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): In recent years the Assembly Commission's Information Systems Office has seen an increase in the overall cyber threat to the Assembly network and systems. This has included the use of a brute-force password guessing attack, an attempted ransom-ware attack and other malicious software attacks.

The Assembly Commission takes the security of its IT systems very seriously and strives continuously to ensure that all systems are secure. The answer to AQW 125/17-22 outlines the key steps taken to increase IT security as a result of the increased cyber threat.

June 2018

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission to detail the amount of food waste, for each of the last three years, in respect of the operations of the Assembly caterers.
(AQW 129/17-22)

Mr Swann (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The provision of waste contractor services is managed through a pan-government framework contract which encompasses Parliament Buildings and the wider Stormont Estate. The information included in this reply is not held by the Assembly Commission. Instead, it is provided by the Estate Management team and its subcontractors.

Within Parliament Buildings, it is not possible to separate the food waste generated by the catering operations and the food waste collected from the recycling bins located throughout the Building. Therefore, the figures provided in the table overleaf include both.

The Estate Management team has advised that the figures for April and May 2015 and March 2017 are not available. Figures for April and May 2018 are not yet available.

Month	2015 (kg)	2016 (kg)	2017 (kg)	2018 (kg)
January	996	2,923	4,019	1,370
February	1,023	3,654	2,924	1,850
March	988	4,385	#	1,910
April	#	1,827	3,654	-
May	#	3,654	4,750	-
June	4,020	5,481	4,020	-
July	2,923	2,923	2,558	-
August	1,827	2,192	4,751	-
September	2,558	4,019	617	-
October	3,654	1,827	760	-
November	4,019	3,289	760	-

Month	2015 (kg)	2016 (kg)	2017 (kg)	2018 (kg)
December	3,654	1,461	1,070	-

denotes figures not available.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission to detail any funds received by the Assembly arising from the use of any rooms or facilities in Parliament Buildings by third parties, in each of the last twelve months.

(AQW 130/17-22)

Mr Dickson (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): In response to your question, the table below provides details of funds received arising from the use of rooms or facilities in Parliament Buildings by third parties in the past 12 months.

Month/Year	Rooms	Funds Received
March 2018	Long Gallery	£200.00
May 2018	Great Hall, Members Dining Room, Room 115, Members Bar	£2916.67

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission whether it has a forecasted surplus or deficit in its current budget.

(AQW 131/17-22)

Mr Wells (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): During the initial budget setting process for the 2018/19 financial year that took place in late 2017, the Assembly Commission's budget was established at £38.414m for Non Ring-Fenced Resource DEL. This replicated the opening budget for the previous financial year, 2017/18. The Secretary of State's Statement to the House of Commons on Thursday, 8 March 2018 set out the 2018/19 budget allocations. The Commission's budget, as included in this Statement, was set as £35.914m for Non Ring-Fenced Resource DEL (and £800k for Capital DEL). The reduction of £2.500m recognised the reduced costs to the Commission arising from the reduction in the number of Members following the March 2017 election.

This revised opening budget allocation was based on the assumption that resources would be required to deliver the full range of services to a fully functional Assembly. While the Commission has agreed to retain its readiness to provide this full range of services, a number of activities and costs have reduced significantly. Through the normal financial management processes, a surplus of £739k (from Non Ring-Fenced Resource DEL) has already been identified and returned as part of the in-year Monitoring process. This situation will continue to be monitored closely.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission how many staff have been seconded or redeployed to other organisations/bodies since March 2017, detailing (i) whether temporarily or permanently; and (ii) with what resulting salary and related savings to the Assembly Commission.

(AQW 132/17-22)

Mr Maskey (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The Assembly Commission facilitates secondment agreements for Secretariat staff in line with the Commission's agreed Secondment Policy. Since March 2017, 4 secondment arrangements with other public bodies have been instigated resulting in the recovery of salary costs of £97,103. All secondment arrangements are temporary.

Between March 2017 and September 2017, 32.6 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) members of staff were redeployed, on an informal basis, to other organisations/bodies.

Since October 2017, a formal process of redeployment has been in place to seek to maintain the skills and experience of Commission staff during the period when the Assembly is not fully functioning. Commission staff may be physically redeployed or may carry out work for another organisation while remaining in Parliament Buildings.

The time that Assembly Commission staff spend working for another organisation can vary from month to month and the duration of the work is variable. Therefore, the figures since October 2017 are provided on a monthly basis. These figures record staff numbers at a point in time during the month and are representative of the figures for the full calendar month. The number of FTE staff that have been working for another organisation/body each month is as follows:

- October 2017 – 32.8 FTE
- November 2017 – 124.65 FTE
- December 2017 – 129.8 FTE
- January 2018 – 133.9 FTE
- February 2018 – 134.8 FTE
- March 2018 – 134.3 FTE
- April 2018 – 136.8 FTE
- May 2018 – 136.3 FTE

All redeployment arrangements are temporary.

Salary costs for redeployed staff are met in full by the Assembly Commission, therefore there are no salary or related savings. During the period when the Assembly has not been carrying out its full range of functions, the provision of opportunities for

staff to be temporarily redeployed to other public sector organisations and legislatures has sought to ensure that public funds have been utilised as effectively as possible and to enable staff to retain their knowledge and skills.

The Commission anticipates that there will be significant savings in salary costs over the course of this financial year if the Assembly does not return to normal operations as the Commission will not fill posts that are currently vacant. The initial budget allocated to staff salaries was £16.912m. In the absence of fully functioning Assembly, the latest forecast for expenditure on staff salaries for the full year is £15.471m which is £1.441m less than the allocated budget.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission whether there have been any staff redundancies since March 2017.
(AQW 133/17-22)

Mr Swann (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The Assembly Commission can confirm that there have been no staff redundancies since March 2017.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission in light of ongoing circumstances, to outline (i) any review it has conducted as to the property, staff and services required for the Assembly to carry out its work; and (ii) with what result.
(AQW 134/17-22)

Mr Dickson (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The absence of a fully functioning Assembly has meant that the Assembly Commission has continued to review its requirements under section 40 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

As noted in the reply to AQW 18/17-22, the Commission has given active consideration to the range of services provided in Parliament Building and the level of staffing required to deliver those services. At meetings in May 2017, July 2017 and September 2017, the Commission reviewed the position with regard to a number of large-scale contracts and it actively considered the position for staff of the Assembly Secretariat. Changes were made to a number of contracts already in place, a small number of planned projects were deferred and an agreed number of staff were identified as being available for redeployment to other public sector bodies and legislatures.

The Commission has established three principles to direct the continuing use of its property, staff and services during the period when the Assembly is not fully functioning. These principles are (i) Retaining Readiness, (ii) Maximising the Use of Public Resources and (iii) Supporting and Motivating Staff. These principles have since informed the Commission's consideration of its requirements for property, staff and services.

At each meeting of the Commission, the Clerk/Chief Executive provides an update to the Commission on the staff numbers presently retained by the Commission to deliver continuing services to Members in Parliament Buildings and the staff numbers utilised in other work across the wider public sector and for other legislatures.

These recurring updates on the requirements for property, staff and services and the continued utilisation of staff both directly in support of the Members and through work for other entities helps to ensure that all three of the principles established by the Commission are met.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission what expenditure has been incurred since 1 March 2017.
(AQW 135/17-22)

Mr Wells (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The Assembly Commission monitors its expenditure on a monthly basis. These monthly accounts set out the detail of the expenditure incurred across a number of expenditure categories. The expenditure incurred from 1 March 2017 to 31 May 2018 is shown in the table overleaf.

Income & Expenditure 1 March 2017 to 31 May 2018

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	March 2017	April 2017 to March 2018	April 2018 to May 2018	Total
Income	-£11	-£152	-£53	-£216
Secretariat Salaries	£1,260	£15,361	£2,523	£19,144
Admin costs (see note 1)	£576	£4,245	£1,593	£6,414
Members' Salaries	£356	£5,861	£967	£7,184
Members' Other Costs (see note 2)	£397	£87	£5	£489
Members' Travel (see note 3)	£21	£285	£48	£354
Constituency Costs (incl. staff) (see note 4)	£593	£5,505	£1,019	£7,117
Party Allowance	£88	£699	£115	£902
(Profit)/loss on disposal of fixed assets (see note 5)	£149	£0	£0	£149
Total Revenue Costs	£3,429	£31,891	£6,217	£41,537

	March 2017	April 2017 to March 2018	April 2018 to May 2018	Total
Capital (see note 6)	£774	£341	£76	£1,191
Total Costs	£4,203	£32,232	£6,293	£42,728

- 1 This represents the Admin costs associated with the provision of services in Parliament Buildings;
- 2 This includes Winding Up, Resettlement and certain Members' support staff costs;
- 3 This includes Members' Assembly and Constituency Travel Allowances;
- 4 This includes Members' costs for Constituency office rent, rates, mobile phones, support staff costs and establishment costs;
- 5 This was a technical change in accounting treatment of a specific group of assets that were previously accounted for as fixed assets but are now required to be accounted for as revenue items;
- 6 The figure for Capital for March 2017 represents considerable one-off expenditure on accessibility works. It also includes accrued expenditure relating to work that was completed before 31 March 2017 but not paid for until after that date.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission to outline the contracts that have been entered in to since 1 March 2017, including (i) the date of each contract; and (ii) with whom in each case.

(AQW 136/17-22)

Mr Maskey (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): I have answered this question in the tables below.

Contracts Awarded since 1 March 2017

Requirement	Awarded To	Date
Social Media Training	Web Bureau	June 17
EpiServer Assurance Licenses	Dot Centric	October 17
EPIServer Support and Maintenance	DOT Centric	March 17
Network Infrastructure Support	Planet 21	March 17
Origination and Formatting of Bound Volumes	S. Cullen	April 17
Support to Assembly Education Website	CCEA	Annually Renewed
Supply and Delivery of Monographs	CPD Framework - EBSCO & Askews and Holts	July 17
Subscriptions to Journals/E Journals/E Resources covering various topics	Various	Annually Renewed
Stationery & IT Consumables Call Off Contract	Banner	August 17
Gas Supply for Parliament Buildings	Led by DoFNI – CPD Framework	April 17
Finance System Maintenance and Support	Sysco	May 17
Web Streaming	Pi Communications	April 17
Provision of Temporary Workers Call Off	Various via CPD Framework	April 17
Conferences and training events	Various	Various from March 17
Legal and other reference resources	Lexis Nexis	July 17
Support Services	Sodexo	January 18
Supply, Delivery, Installation & Maintenance of X-Ray Machines	Rapiscan Systems Ltd	January 18
Protective 'Stab' Vests	Aegis Engineering Ltd	January 18
Pressure Sealer Maintenance	Paragon	April 18
Ionising Radiation Regulations 2017	OnePhoton	January 18

Requirement	Awarded To	Date
Servers	Servers Direct	December 17
DPM Server	BT	March 18
Internet User Reporter	Globelink	March 18
Stonegate Firewall Replacement	Sapphire	February 18
HD Encoders	Telent Technical Services	February 18
Additional Switches	BT	March 18
DC User	Buy It Direct	May 18
Statistical Data	NISRA	October 17
E-Learning Platform (this is an SLA with the Department of Culture, Arts and Learning)	Centre for Applied Learning	March 17
Professional HR Resource	Graham White	July 17
Portrait of deputy First Minister	Tony Bell	February 18
Photographic Portraits of Former Speakers	Chad Alexander Florian Thoss	March 18

Contracts Extended since 1 March 2017

Requirement	Awarded To	Date
Microsoft Premier Support	Microsoft	June 17
Bill template Software	Propylon	September 17
Microsoft Enterprise Agreement	Microsoft	June 17
Security Management System	ADT	July 17
Human Resource Management System	Midland HR	July 17
Mobile Phones	EE	June 17
Wireless LAN Replacement	BT	September 17
TV Distribution	Telent Technical Services	March 18
Support to Organisational Development	Journey Partners	July 17

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission for a breakdown of any funds surrendered to the Department of Finance in (i) the current financial year; and (ii) 2017/18.

(AQW 137/17-22)

Mr Swann (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The Assembly Commission surrendered funds in both (i) the current financial year and (ii) in 2017/18. The detail of the funds surrendered in each of the two years is detailed in the table attached.

The opening budget for 2017/18 was prepared in late 2016 and assumed a full year of Assembly business. It did not anticipate the Assembly election in March 2017 which reduced the number of Members from 108 to 90. The substantial surrender of funds in 2017/18 was a direct result of the reduction in the number of Members and the absence of a fully functional Assembly during the year. The total amount surrendered in 2017/18 was £5.820m with £5.610m surrendered from Non Ring-Fenced Resource DEL and £210k surrendered from Capital DEL.

During the initial budget setting process for the 2018/19 financial year, the Assembly Commission's budget was established at £38.414m for Non Ring-Fenced Resource DEL. This replicated the opening budget for the previous financial year. However, this was subsequently reduced by £2.500m to £35.914m to reflect the reduced costs to the Commission arising from the reduction in the number of Members following the March 2017 election.

This opening budget was based on an assumption of a fully functional Assembly. While the Commission has agreed to retain its readiness to provide this full range of services, its costs have been reviewed over the first two months of the year and a surrender of £739k (from Non Ring-Fenced Resource DEL) was made in the June Monitoring round

Table 1: Opening Budget vs Closing Budget Position

Description	2018/19 Opening Budget	2018/19 Revised Budget	2018/19 Change from Opening Budget	2017/18 Opening Budget	2017/18 Final Budget	2017/18 Change from Opening Budget
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income	-130	-160	(30)	-65	-152	(87)
Secretariat Salaries	16,912	16,506	(406)	16,310	15,839	(471)
Admin Costs	5,498	5,423	(75)	5,400	4,340	(1,060)
GRANT to NIALST	0	75	75	0	75	75
Members' Salaries	6,555	6,354	(201)	7,700	5,977	(1,723)
Members' Other Costs	43	71	28	368	87	(281)
Members' Travel	313	285	(28)	441	305	(136)
Members' Constituency office costs (incl staff)	5,843	5,741	(102)	7,400	5,589	(1,811)
Party Allowance (FAPP)	880	880	0	860	744	(116)
Total DEL RESOURCE	35,914	35,175	(739)	38,414	32,804	(5,610)
IT EQUIPMENT Capital	284	427	143	614	162	(452)
OTHER - Capital	516	373	(143)		242	242
Total DEL Capital	800	800	0	614	404	(210)

July 2018

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission pursuant to AQW 129/17-22, what method of disposal is used in respect of the food waste.

(AQW 138/17-22)

Mr Dickson (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The food waste generated from the catering operations in Parliament Buildings is transported by the waste contractor to an organic waste treatment plant where it is broken down to produce biogas and biofertiliser.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission what efforts have been made, or will be made, to put in place arrangements whereby usable but unused food could be donated to relevant charitable organisations.

(AQW 139/17-22)

Mr Wells (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): Under current food safety requirements (Regulation (EC) No 852/2004 on the hygiene of foodstuffs), the majority of dishes which are prepared onsite at Parliament Buildings are not suitable for transfer to other premises. Therefore, this prevents the Assembly Commission from being able to donate usable but unused food to charitable organisations. Unused food is instead transported to an organic waste treatment plant where it is broken down to produce biogas and biofertiliser.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission how much was expended on photographic portraits of former Speakers.

(AQW 140/17-22)

Mr Maskey (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The Northern Ireland Assembly Commission agreed in 2009 that the tenure of each holder of the three major offices within the Assembly (First Minister, deputy First Minister and Speaker) would be marked by an official portrait for display in Parliament Buildings. The Assembly also agreed at that time that each portrait should be commissioned within a budget of £5,000. Portraits are produced in line with the preferences of each subject or their representatives.

Rather than opting for a traditional painted portrait, the former Speakers, Lord Hay and Mitchel McLaughlin both decided that they were interested in taking a different approach which was more reflective of the community engagement initiatives they had encouraged while in office.

Consequently, in September 2017, the Speaker's Office working in conjunction with the Ulster University School of Photography and Video launched a competition for students or recent graduates from the university to be commissioned to photograph the two former Speakers. Two students were subsequently selected.

The project is not yet complete but the contract was signed in March 2018 for a bursary of £800 per portrait. Additional expenses have been paid of £167.78 to cover equipment and travel costs.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission to detail (i) how much has been expended on protective 'stab' vests; (ii) to what category of staff these are issued; (iii) how many have been issued; and (iv) by what criteria are they issued.

(AQW 141/17-22)

Mr Swann (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The purchase and issue of stab vests is considered a responsible and balanced measure aimed at affording a greater level of personal protection to Commission staff in their front line role particularly in light of knife attacks in Great Britain in 2017 which included the fatal stabbing of a police officer outside the Palace of Westminster. Protective stab vests are also worn by security staff at the Scottish Parliament and the National Assembly for Wales.

Stab vests have been issued to all Usher Services staff who perform external security duties at Parliament Buildings. Sixty one vests were purchased at a cost of £22,357.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission how much was expended on the portrait of the former deputy First Minister, Mr McGuinness.

(AQW 142/17-22)

Mr Dickson (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The Northern Ireland Assembly Commission agreed in 2009 that the tenure of each holder of the three major offices within the Assembly (First Minister, deputy First Minister and Speaker) would be marked by an official portrait for display in Parliament Buildings. The Assembly also agreed at that time that each portrait should be commissioned within a budget of £5,000. Portraits are produced in line with the preferences of each subject or their representatives.

The portrait of the former Deputy First Minister, Martin McGuinness was commissioned to coincide with the first anniversary of his death following discussions with representatives of the McGuinness family and was painted by Belfast artist Tony Bell.

The portrait was commissioned at a cost of £5,000. A further £320 was paid for the framing of the portrait.

Mr Lyttle asked the Assembly Commission why the internet speed in Parliament Buildings is poor.

(AQW 143/17-22)

Mr Wells (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): At present IS Office is not aware of any major problems with the internet connection within Parliament Buildings. In September 2017 Information Systems (IS) Office commissioned a new high speed internet connection which currently has a line speed of 500 megabits per second. Since this new connection was established, the Assembly has benefitted from significant additional bandwidth and Information Systems (IS) Office staff proactively monitor the status of the Internet connection on a daily basis.

However, there can be many external factors that influence the responsiveness of websites. Therefore, should Members have any issues or concerns about internet connectivity, they should contact IS Office Service Desk in the first instance.

October 2018

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission to detail (i) why the crest above the front door of Parliament Buildings is no longer lit up at night by a spotlight; (ii) who took that decision; and (iii) the reasons why that decision was taken.

(AQW 144/17-22)

Mr Maskey (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The Assembly Commission approved the installation, in 2016, of an external LED floodlighting system for Parliament Buildings, capable of colour washing the building in support of approved charities and on special occasions.

This new system replaced an antiquated system of lights that had been installed on an iterative basis over a number of years, primarily for amenity / security lighting. This lighting was unreliable as well as being costly to run and maintain.

The old system incorporated some spot lighting to pick out one or two of the individual features on the building against a darker background. By contrast, the new system seeks to wash the front of the building with an even spread of lighting to display all of the architectural features of the façade. This is particularly important when the coloured lighting is being used.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission, in relation to the recent exhibition of artefacts in Parliament Buildings, to detail the number and nature of any complaints or objections to (i) the holding of the exhibition or (ii) its contents.

(AQW 145/17-22)

Mr Swann (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): While the Assembly Commission agreed that an exhibition of artefacts should be permitted for a period of 4 weeks, this decision was not unanimous. Other than this, the Assembly Commission has not received any formal complaints or objections to the holding of the exhibition of artefacts or its contents.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission to detail (i) the cost of the recent contract to upgrade the external lighting at Parliament Buildings; and (ii) to whom the contract was awarded.

(AQW 146/17-22)

Mr Dickson (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The final account for the new external floodlighting scheme at Parliament Buildings is presently being finalised and is estimated at £202,783 excluding VAT.

The works were undertaken using the Department of Finance's framework agreement for maintenance and minor works. The main contractor was H&J Martin Ltd. who appointed Philips Lighting as the specialist supplier.

Mr Chambers asked the Assembly Commission to outline who has current authority to use the ground floor offices in Parliament Buildings designated to the (i) First Minister; and (ii) deputy First Minister.

(AQW 147/17-22)

Mr Wells (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The suites of offices on the Ground Floor of Parliament Buildings, to which you refer, have always been allocated to the First Minister (west side) and deputy First Minister (east side) and their respective teams and the use of the offices has been controlled by the Executive Office, in conjunction with the respective ministers.

Having been made aware that some of the rooms continue to be used at a time when there is no First Minister and deputy First Minister in post and, following confirmation from the Executive Office it has no current requirement for the rooms, the Assembly Commission has moved to retain control of the rooms.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission pursuant to AQW 144/17-22, why is the crest, which sits prominently above the front door, the only feature of significance omitted from highlighting by the new lighting system: and who took this decision.

(AQW 148/17-22)

Mr Maskey (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): As noted in the response to AQW 144/17-22, the Commission approved the installation of an external LED floodlighting system which seeks to provide an even spread of lighting across the front and side façades of Parliament Buildings.

The Commission's outline schedule of requirements led to a scheme design by CPD. The supplier who won the tender then produced a final design and specification. No decision was taken at any stage to include or omit any specific architectural features on these façades from the highlighting provided by the new lighting system.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission (i) why a person was asked to submit a freedom of information request by post after it had been emailed; and (ii) what is the purpose of the Assembly's email address foi@niassembly.gov.uk.

(AQW 149/17-22)

Mr Swann (The Representative of the Assembly Commission):

- (i) No record has been identified of any person having been asked to submit a freedom of information request by post after it had been emailed. If the requester can identify the department or person spoken to or the telephone number used further investigation will take place and any training needs addressed. Responses to requests for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) are coordinated by the Information Standards Office (ISO). No such response was given by the ISO.
- (ii) The FOIA requires all requests for information to be in writing, to state the name of the applicant and an address for correspondence, and to describe the information requested. Email is an acceptable form of written communication and an email address is therefore for ease of communication.

November 2018

Dr Aiken asked the Assembly Commission how many Freedom of Information requests it has received for which responses are currently overdue; and to provide an explanation for each ongoing delay.[R]

(AQW 150/17-22)

Mr Dickson (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): There are no requests which have been received under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 for which a response is currently overdue.

Dr Aiken asked the Assembly Commission pursuant to AQW 151/17-22, to detail per year (i) how many requests for Freedom of Information and requests for internal reviews were received; and (ii) how many were responded to in full within 20 days.

(AQW 152/17-22)

Mr Maskey (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): Please find the attached table in response to your request.

As stated in the written response to AQW151/17-22, dated 6 November 2018, section 10 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act) sets out the time frames within which a public authority must respond to a request under the Act.

Authorities must respond to requests promptly, and by the twentieth working day following the date of receipt of the request. If the authority needs further details to identify or locate the information, then the 20 working days will commence the day after it receives the required clarification from the requester.

Section 10(3) of the Act enables an authority to extend the 20 working day limit up to a 'reasonable' time in any case where it requires more time to determine whether or not the balance of the public interest lies in maintaining an exemption.

Section 17(7) of the Act requires authorities to give applicants details of their complaints procedure, including how to make a complaint and the right to complain to the Information Commissioner's Office under section 50 of the Act if they remain dissatisfied with the outcome of any internal review.

The Code of Practice under section 45 of the Act provides that requests for internal review should be acknowledged and the applicant informed of the target date for responding. This should normally be within 20 working days of receipt. If an internal review is complex, requires consultation with third parties or the relevant information is of a high volume, authorities may need longer than 20 working days to consider the issues and respond. In these instances, the authority should inform the applicant and provide a reasonable target date by which they will be able to respond to the internal review. It is best practice for this to be no more than an additional 20 working days, although there will sometimes be legitimate reasons why a longer extension is needed.

Requests for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 from 1 January 2014 – 26 October 2018

Year	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Total
Number of requests for information under FOIA	100	87	127	70	57	441
Number of requests withdrawn by the requester	5	5	5	5	1	21
Number of requests under FOIA where response to request under FOIA was provided within 20 working days	87	76	105	55	45 *1 request ongoing	368
Extra time for exemption	2	2	5	1	0	10
Number of requests for internal review under FOIA	2	3	6	1	0	12
Number of requests for internal review under FOIA where internal review response was provided within 20 working days	1	2	1	1	-	5**

** In the remainder of these cases the requester was notified that it was not possible to complete the case within 20 days.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission pursuant to AQW 148/17-22, (i) whether it has any plans to extend the highlighting illumination to include the crest; and (ii) if not, to provide a rationale for this decision.

(AQW 153/17-22)

Mr Swann (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): As noted previously, the new LED lighting installation seeks to provide an even spread of lighting across the front and side façades of the building.

The front centre part of the building is now illuminated using ground and wall-mounted uplighters that have been chosen to be in keeping with the listed status of the building.

While the use of spotlights to highlight the crest would not be in keeping with the design of the new lighting system, the Commission will ask the designers to consider whether the lighting can be adjusted or supplemented to help ensure that the crest and the balcony (which project forward a little from the façade) are better captured by the new lighting scheme.

December 2018

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission whether further work is required on the roof of Parliament Buildings, including (i) why; and (ii) at what cost.

(AQW 154/17-22)

Mr Dickson (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): Following the successful completion of the roof project, a number of issues became evident which required the contractor to return to site to make good. The most recent of these required repairs and minor alterations to metal guard rails on the roof. This work has been carried out under the terms of the contract and at no additional cost to the Commission.

January 2019

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission how precisely it defines "sundry constituency office operating expenses".

(AQW 156/17-22)

Mr Swann (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The Independent Financial Review Panel was created in 2011. Under section 47(2) of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 ('the 1998 Act'), Members are to be paid such allowances as *"may from time to time be determined"*

The manner in which such Determinations may be made is set out at section 47(10A) of the 1998 Act, which provides that *"the provision which may be made by the Assembly for the purposes of this section includes provision... by an Act of the Assembly (which may include provision establishing an office or body, provision conferring functions on an office-holder or body and ancillary provision)"*.

In accordance with section 47(10A) of the 1998 Act, the Assembly enacted the Assembly Members (Independent Financial Review and Standards) Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). Section 1 of the 2011 Act created the Panel. Section 2(1) (a) of the 2011 Act provided that

"the functions of the Panel are to make determinations as to... the salaries and allowances payable to members of the Assembly under section 47 of the 1998 Act".

Therefore, it is the function of the Panel to determine the allowances payable to Members. It is the function of the Commission, pursuant to section 47(2) of the 1998 Act, to administer the payment of the allowances that have been determined. Once a Determination has been made by the Panel, its application, including the interpretation of provisions of that Determination, is a matter for the Commission.

The Commission is made up of elected Members who in turn represent parties of elected Members. All Members are potential beneficiaries of expenses payable under section 47 of the 1998 Act. Because of this, the Commission has long taken the position that the administration of the expenses scheme should be discharged by Commission employees without direction from the Commission. This has subsequently been reaffirmed by the Commission.

The Member will note that paragraphs 45, 46 and 47 of the Determination deal with interpretation matters including the definition of terms in the Determination. There is nothing in these paragraphs or elsewhere in the Determination that defines *"sundry constituency office operating expenses"*.

Paragraph 44(1) of the Determination notes that the Commission may from time to time publish any code, guidance or direction related to the Determination. Further, paragraph 44(2) prescribes that the Commission is to have regard to any such code, guidance or direction and whether a Member has observed it when exercising its functions under the Determination.

Following a recent HMRC Employers Tax Compliance Review, which included a review of sundry constituency office operating expenses, on 8 November 2018, the Finance Office issued guidance to all Members on the matter of sundry constituency office operating expenses which stated that:

"Sundry expenses may be claimed under the heading of Constituency Office Operating Expenses (COOE) which are defined in paragraph 16(3) of the Determination as:

Utility expenses;

Internet connection (for example broadband and fixed line telephone expenses;

Office furniture, office stationery and office equipment (excluding photocopiers, fax machines, cameras, televisions, radios and computer equipment);

Office cleaning;

Printer cartridges;

Registration with the Information Commissioner's Office;

Signage;

Insurance;

Security systems and fire protection; and

Sundry constituency office operating expenses not falling within any of the categories above, subject to a maximum of £100 per month".

The 8 November guidance recognised that the Determination does not include an explicit definition of sundry expenses. It also recognised that a normal interpretation of "sundry" would be applied i.e. those assorted, miscellaneous, varied or infrequent operating expenses incurred in running a Member's constituency office. The guidance from November 2018 also provided indicative lists of admissible and inadmissible items for sundry constituency office operating expenses.

It is this normal or typical interpretation of "sundry" that is applied when assessing the admissibility or otherwise of any claim for the recovery of sundry constituency office operating expenses.

It is also worth noting that paragraph 7 of the Determination sets out a number of general criteria for the recovery of expenses. These include (at paragraph 7(1)(a)) that a Member is only entitled to recover an expense if the expense has been actually incurred by the Member and at paragraph 7(2) that a Member is only entitled to recover expenses in respect of one

constituency office. Naturally, these general criteria apply to any claim for the recovery of sundry constituency office operating expenses made by a Member.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission whether non-specified miscellaneous expenditure is recoverable under “sundry constituency office operating expenses”.

(AQW 160/17-22)

Mr Dickson (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): Sundry constituency office operating expenses are payable under the provisions of paragraph 16(3)(j) of the Assembly Members (Salaries and Expenses) Determination (Northern Ireland) 2016 (‘the 2016 Determination’).

In accordance with paragraph 44(1) of the Determination, the Finance Office issued guidance to all Members on the treatment of sundry constituency office operating expenses on 8 November 2018 following a recent HMRC Employer’s Tax Compliance Review. This guidance recognised that a normal or usual interpretation of “sundry” would be applied i.e. that it would cover “*those assorted, **miscellaneous** (emphasis added), varied or infrequent operating expenses incurred in running an office.*”

The guidance issued on 8 November also advised that admissible items of sundry constituency office operating expenses could be paid with or without the submission of receipts Members were asked to note that only claims or parts of claims that are supported by receipts can be paid without the deduction of income tax or national insurance contributions. A claim for recovery of expenditure from sundry expenses that is not supported by a receipt is paid on the basis of the specific and personal confirmation by the Member that the claim is in full compliance with the requirements of the 2016 Determination.

In this regard, when determining whether any claim for sundry expenses that is not supported by a receipt is admissible, the Member must ensure that expenditure is only incurred in the course of operating a constituency office and also assure himself or herself that the provisions of paragraph 16 of the 2016 Determination have been met i.e. that the claim does not include any items that are specifically included in paragraphs 16(3)(a) to 16(3)(i) of the Determination. The Member must also assure himself or herself that the claim is not being used to meet the cost of other items of constituency office expenses that can be recovered under the terms of the Determination such as office rent (paragraph 11), office rates (paragraph 12) or mobile phone expenses (paragraph 18).

In addition, the Member must assess the admissibility of all claims under the further general tests that are set out in paragraphs 6 and 7 of the 2016 Determination. These include at paragraph 6, that Members may not supplement their income by way of a claim for recovery of expenses, that political parties cannot benefit from expenses incurred by Members and that resources made available to Members cannot be used for party political activities. Paragraphs 7(1) and (2) further require that an expense can only be recovered if it has actually been incurred by a Member, that the expenditure was incurred in connection with the Member’s exercise of functions as a Member and that a Member can only recover expenses in respect of one constituency office.

Therefore, miscellaneous expenditure can be recovered through sundry constituency office operating expenses provided all the criteria set out in the 2016 Determination are met. For items that are not supported by a receipt, the Member must provide personal, written confirmation that all such criteria have been met.

February 2019

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission to list the categories of expenditure presently being permitted under “sundry constituency office operating expenses”.

(AQW 155/17-22)

Mr Maskey (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): Sundry constituency office operating expenses are claimed under paragraph 16(3) of the Assembly Members (Salaries and Expenses) Determination (the Determination) which outlines those expenses which can be claimed under the wider heading of “constituency office operating expenses”. As such sundry expenses must be taken to mean those costs incurred in operating an office but which cannot be claimed under any of the other categories specified in paragraph 16(3)(a) to 16(3)(i). Only those costs which fall within this category are permitted.

As with all costs claimed under the Determination a number of general tests as set out in paragraphs 6 and 7 of the Determination must be met in order for claims for sundry constituency office operating expenses to be permitted. These include at paragraph 6 that Members may not supplement their income by way of a claim for recovery of expenses, that political parties cannot benefit from expenses incurred by Members and that resources made available to members cannot be used for party political activities. Paragraphs 7(1) and 7(2) further require that an expense can only be recovered if it has actually been incurred by a Member, that the expenditure was incurred in connection with a Member’s exercise of functions as a Member and that a member can only recover expenses in respect of one constituency office.

Following a recent HMRC Employers Tax Compliance Review, which included a review of sundry constituency office operating expenses, the Finance Office issued a briefing note to all Members on sundry constituency office operating expenses on 8 November 2018. This note offered specific advice and clarification on the recovery of sundry constituency office operating expenses. In the absence of an explicit definition within the Determination this guidance recognised that a normal or usual interpretation of “sundry” would be applied.

Annex C to the guidance contained an illustrative list of admissible expenditure that can be claimed under this category of expenditure. This list is reproduced below:

Table 1: Examples of Admissible Sundry Expenses

Note: Only items that are NOT included in the categories listed in paragraph 16(3) (a-i) and are not included under any other heading of the Determination can be processed via sundry expenses. This list is not exhaustive.

Description	Comments
USB drives or small portable data transfer devices.	Small data storage or transfer devices only. Small capacity, portable devices will be admissible. Larger items are deemed to be computer equipment and as such are not admissible under paragraph 16 (3) (c) of the Determination.
Bank fees (quarterly maintenance fees – not overdraft charges)	These will only be admissible if opening the bank account was required in order to fulfil the Determination's requirement for bank accounts regarding sole signatories.
Refreshments - tea, coffee, milk, sugar, biscuits	Reasonable refreshments for individual constituents will be admissible. Refreshments should not be taken to include general provision of goods for use by staff or for larger groups.
Bottled water	See above re. refreshments, will be taken to include water and associated water coolers.
Caseworker software	
Sat Nav	
Data Transfer	
Digital news / newspapers / appropriate publications or periodicals	e.g. papers, subscriptions to on-line media, or the purchase of the NI year book, etc.
Minor repairs	Paragraph 13 (6) of the Determination notes that "No expenses may be recovered unless the lease includes a term that the landlord is responsible for maintaining the office in a good state of repair". Therefore, this will only cover costs of minor repairs not covered by the clause in each lease. Costs for light bulbs, leaking taps, minor electrical work, replacement glass, etc.
Postage	
Rental of car parking spaces	This is the rental of a dedicated space at or near a constituency office, it does not include general car parking charges that may be incurred while a Member is attending to constituency business away from the office.
Lavatory / kitchen supplies and consumables	
Internal Signage	Internal signs only, e.g. No Dogs, CCTV in use, Fire Exit signs, etc.
Survey Monkey	Admissible subject to context. This can only apply to exercising functions as a Member - e.g. could be used for Private Member's Bill research or consultation, etc. but not to garner general or political opinion.
TV licence	As TVs are not allowed to be purchased through COOE, this can only apply for use of iPlayer services on computers and tablets.
Waste management	Removal of rubbish - one off, small costs, including incidental confidential shredding. Larger volumes of regular shredding should be categorised as "Utilities".
Website costs - such as hosting / or for a Domain name / or for maintenance costs	The costs associated with a website must only relate to a personal, Member-only website where there can be no benefit gained by a political Party and where the website is not used for political activities that are unrelated to a Member's exercise of his or her functions as a Member. In practice, a claim for website costs can only be sustained if the website is used by a Member solely to exercise their functions as a Member and does not contain, promote, advertise, endorse, support or otherwise advocate the position of a political Party.
Info adverts - other e.g. hoardings, graphics at venues etc. will be limited to address/contact details only	Strictly limited to opening hours and contact details, must not contain party political messages.

Description	Comments
Info adverts – e.g. leaflets – will be limited to address and contact details only	Strictly limited to opening hours and contact details, must contain no party political messages. Circulars are not admissible.
Info adverts – e.g. Yellow Pages / newspapers, will be limited to address and contact details only	Strictly limited to opening hours and contact details, must contain no party political messages.
Display cases	Strictly limited to the display of statutory certificates, etc, such as insurance provisions, health and safety notices or fire evacuation procedures.
File storage	Physical off-site storage costs
Personal security devices	This could apply to the purchase of small personal alarms.
Electronic File Storage - e.g. 'Dropbox'	

As noted in the guidance this is an indicative and not a definitive list. Given the nature of sundry expenses it would not be possible to provide a wholly definitive list but this list is informed by a working knowledge of the typical sundry expenses incurred to date by Members.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission (i) what limitations are placed on the meaning of “sundry constituency office operating expenses”: and (ii) by what criteria are such limitations applied.

(AQW 157/17-22)

Mr Maskey (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): Sundry constituency office operating expenses are payable under the provisions of the Assembly Members (Salaries and Expenses) Determination (Northern Ireland) 2016 (‘the Determination’). It is the 2016 Determination that not only sets the quantum of the allowances and expenses that are payable to Members but also establishes the criteria which must be met for claims to be paid.

- (i) The limitations that apply to the meaning of sundry constituency office operating expenses generally arise from the Determination. Sundry expenses are claimed under paragraph 16(3) of the Determination which outlines those expenses which can be claimed under the wider heading of “constituency office operating expenses”. As such, “sundry” expenses must be taken to mean those expenses that have been incurred in operating a constituency office but which cannot be categorised as any of the other operating costs specifically detailed in paragraphs 16(3)(a) to 16(3)(i). The sundry constituency office operating expenses category does not include any cost that can be claimed under any of the other provisions of the Determination such as office rent (paragraph 11), office rates (paragraph 12) or mobile phone expenses (paragraph 18), constituency office establishment expenses (paragraph 17), mobile phones (paragraph 18), allowances (paragraphs 27-29) or support staff costs (paragraphs 31-42).

In addition, paragraph 44(1) of the Determination provides that the Commission may from time to time publish any code, guidance or direction related to this Determination. Such code, guidance or direction must also be considered when assessing admissibility of claims and, as such, may limit the scope of sundry constituency office operating expenses.

Following a recent HMRC Employers Tax Compliance Review, which included a review of sundry constituency office operating expenses, the Finance Office issued a briefing note to all Members on sundry constituency office operating expenses on 8 November 2018. This note offered advice and clarification on the recovery of sundry constituency office operating expenses. In the absence of an explicit definition within the Determination this guidance recognised that a normal or usual interpretation of “sundry” would be applied. That guidance contained an illustrative list of admissible and inadmissible expenditure that can be claimed under this category of expenditure.

- (ii) As noted above, the criteria set in the Determination limit the admissibility of claims. A number of general tests, as set out in paragraphs 6 and 7 of the Determination, are applied to assess admissibility. These include at paragraph 6, that Members may not supplement their income by way of a claim for recovery of expenses, that political parties cannot benefit from expenses incurred by Members and that resources made available to Members cannot be used for party political activities. Paragraphs 7(1) and (2) further require that an expense can only be recovered if it has actually been incurred by a Member, that the expenditure was incurred in connection with the Member’s exercise of functions as a Member and that a Member can only recover expenses in respect of one constituency office.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission whether the Independent Financial Review Panel’s Assembly Members (Salaries and Expenses) Determination (Northern Ireland) 2016 defines “sundry constituency office operating expenses”.

(AQW 158/17-22)

Mr Maskey (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): Sundry constituency office operating expenses are payable under the provisions of paragraph 16(3)(j) of the Assembly Members (Salaries and Expenses) Determination (Northern Ireland) 2016. Paragraphs 16(3)(a) to 16(3)(i) set out specific categories of expenses that may be claimed for as constituency office operating expenses.

Sundry expenses are those operating expenses that do not fall into any of these other defined categories, and which fulfil the general tests for admissibility as set out in paragraphs 6 and 7. These include at paragraph 6, that Members may not

supplement their income by way of a claim for recovery of expenses, that political parties cannot benefit from expenses incurred by a Member and that resources made available to Members cannot be used for party political activities. Paragraphs 7(1) and 7(2) further require that an expense can only be recovered if it has actually been incurred by a member, that the expenditure was incurred in connection with the Member's exercise of functions as a member and that a Member can only recover expenses in respect of one constituency office.

Paragraphs 45, 46 and 47 of the Determination deal with interpretation matters including the definition of terms in the Determination. There is nothing in these paragraphs or elsewhere in the Determination that defines "sundry constituency office operating expenses". However, under the provisions of paragraph 44(1) of the Determination the Finance Office issued guidance relating to the processing of claims for sundry constituency office operating expenses. This guidance was issued following a recent HMRC Employers Tax Compliance Review which included a review of sundry constituency office operating expenses. In recognition that an explicit definition of sundry constituency office operating expenses was not contained within the Determination, this guidance sought to provide clarification on how a normal interpretation of "sundry" would be applied to all claims.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission in the period since the Independent Financial Review Panel's Assembly Members (Salaries and Expenses) Determination (Northern Ireland) 2016 came into operation, whether the Assembly Finance Office altered its approach to the payment of "sundry constituency office operating expenses", including (a) why; and (b) how.

(AQW 159/17-22)

Mr Maskey (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The Assembly Commission was the subject of a formal Employer's Compliance Review by HMRC during 2017 and 2018. This review examined tax compliance for salary payments for Members, Members' support staff and Assembly Secretariat staff. It also included Members' travel & subsistence, allowances and expenses including sundry constituency office operating expenses.

Sundry constituency office operating expenses are payable under the provisions of paragraph 16(3)(j) of the Assembly Members (Salaries and Expenses) Determination (Northern Ireland) 2016. This paragraph provides that Members may claim sundry constituency office operating expenses not falling within any of the other categories prescribed in paragraph 16(3), subject to a maximum of £100 per month. Paragraph 22 of the Determination requires that generally Members must keep financial records sufficient to show and explain the expenses incurred. However, this requirement does not apply to sundry constituency office operating costs.

In order to seek repayment of sundry constituency office operating expenses up to 31 July 2018, Members were simply required to submit a claim, certifying that the expenditure had been incurred and that the requirements of the Determination had been met.

- (a) However, following the completion of the tax review, HMRC deemed that for tax deduction purposes a receipt or invoice is required in order to verify that an expense is valid business expenditure, and that the declaration was insufficient for verification purposes. As such HMRC determined that in the absence of a receipt or invoice sundry constituency office operating expenses should be treated as taxable income for the Members.
- (b) In light of these findings, the payment procedures for claims in respect of sundry constituency office operating expenses were amended. HMRC determined that the repayment of sundry constituency office operating expenses to a Member should be:
 - treated as taxable income for the Member if the associated expenditure is not validated as business expenditure by means of a receipt / invoice and subject to tax and national insurance deductions through payroll; OR
 - receipts / invoices should be provided with all claims for the repayment of sundry constituency office operating expenses in the same manner as is required for the recovery of the cost of any other constituency office operating expense (e.g. utility expenses). This is deemed necessary to verify that the payment relates to valid business expenditure and can be paid without the deduction of tax.

As a result, all claims for the recovery of sundry constituency office operating expenses received in the Finance Office on or after 1 August 2018 are now processed under one of the two options set out above. All Members were notified of these procedural changes and the reasons behind them in a briefing issued on 11 July 2018. A follow-up briefing providing further guidance and clarification was issued to all Members on 8 November 2018.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission to detail the status of the Independent Financial Review Panel report in the determination of eligible expenditure under the Independent Financial Review Panel's Assembly Members (Salaries and Expenses) Determination (Northern Ireland) 2016.

(AQW 161/17-22)

Mr Maskey (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The functions of the Independent Financial Review Panel are to make Determinations as to the salaries and allowances payable to Members of the Assembly under section 47 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 and the pensions, gratuities and allowances payable under section 48 of that Act.

As noted by the Panel at paragraph 1 of its most recent Report published in March 2016, the Report sets out the detail of, and rationale for, the salaries, pensions and expenses that the Panel has determined will be payable to Members. While the report

has no legal basis, in setting out the context and detail of the salaries, pensions and expenses that the Panel has determined, it does nonetheless give an indication of the Panel's intentions.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission to list the categories of expenditure which have been refused recoupment under "sundry constituency office operating expenses" since July 2018.

(AQW 162/17-22)

Mr Maskey (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The admissibility of all claims is assessed under the general tests as set out in paragraphs 6 and 7 of the Assembly Members (Salaries and Expenses) Determination (Northern Ireland) 2016. These include, at paragraph 6, that Members may not supplement their income by way of a claim for recovery of expenses, that political parties cannot benefit from expenses incurred by Members and that resources made available to Members cannot be used for party political activities. Paragraphs 7(1) and (2) further require that a expense can only be recovered if it has actually been incurred by a Member, that the expenditure was incurred in connection with the Member's exercise of functions as a Member and that a Member can only recover expenses in respect of one constituency office.

Claims are also assessed to ensure they cannot be recovered under any other category of expenditure within the provisions of the Determination such as support staff costs, mobile phones, rent or rates and establishment or refurbishment costs. Any claim received for costs of this nature is assessed for admissibility under that specific category.

From 1 August 2018, Members have been required to submit receipts if they wish to reclaim the costs of sundry constituency office operating expenses without the deduction of income tax. In assessing the admissibility of these claims the above tests are applied. Claims failing to meet these tests have not been reimbursed.

These include:

- Claims for items that are deemed to benefit a political party such as costs for websites that contain, promote, advertise, endorse, support or otherwise advocate the position of a political party;
- Claims for personal toiletries;
- Claims for gifts;
- Claims for greeting or seasonal cards for constituents;
- Claims for excessive hospitality or refreshments;
- Claims that are properly assessed under other categories of expenditure such as rent, support staff costs, Members' travel costs or mobile phone costs (although these costs can be reclaimed under the correct expenditure category if sufficient funds are available); and
- Claims for other constituency office operating expenses that are not "sundry" in nature, i.e. for larger costs which are frequently or regularly incurred.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission pursuant to AQW 159/17-22, whether it is the case that the HMRC review did not impact on or require the current approach being taken by the Assembly Finance Office to the definition of "sundry constituency office operating expenses", but confined itself to the tax liability of same.

(AQW 163/17-22)

Mr Swann (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): Following the HMRC employer's tax compliance review, HMRC ruled that the existing procedures for payment of sundry constituency office operating expenses were not sufficient for the verification of business expenditure and, as such, were non-compliant for tax purposes. The revised approach to the processing of payments related to the recovery of sundry constituency office operating expenses ensures that payments are made in a compliant manner for tax and national insurance purposes.

The HMRC review did not seek to define "sundry constituency office operating expenses" under the Assembly Members (Salaries and Expenses) Determination (Northern Ireland) 2016 nor did it consider the admissibility of claims under that Determination. These are not matters for HMRC.

As noted in the reply to AQW 159/17-22, HMRC has determined that the repayment of sundry constituency office operating expenses to a Member can be:

- (a) treated as taxable income for the Member if the associated expenditure is not validated as business expenditure by means of a receipt / invoice and subject to tax and national insurance deductions through payroll;

OR

- (b) receipts / invoices should be provided with all claims for the repayment of sundry constituency office operating expenses in the same manner as is required for the recovery of the cost of any other constituency office operating expense (e.g. utility expenses).

Option (b) above, requires the submission of supporting receipts / invoices for all claims for the recovery of expenditure already incurred by a Member. The admissibility of these claims is now assessed by the Finance Office based on the evidence provided by the receipts / invoices. This approach mirrors the way that substantially all other claims for financial support under the Determination are assessed by the Finance Office.

From the introduction of the 2016 Determination to 31 July 2018 (i.e. the date when receipts / invoices were required to facilitate the payment of expenses without the deduction of tax or national insurance), the assessment of admissibility under the Determination was made by each Member when she or he submitted a claim for the recovery of sundry constituency office operating expenses. Similarly, for option (a) above, any claim made by a Member (even if tax and national insurance deductions are made) must still comply with the admissibility criteria set out in the Determination. The fact that tax and national insurance deductions are made does not remove the need for compliance with the terms of the Determination.

The tests for admissibility (for example, those set out in paragraphs 6-10 of the Determination and, more particularly, in paragraph 16) are unaltered as a result of the new procedures. The only change is that previously claims were self-certified as compliant with the terms of the Determination by each Member whereas the Finance Office now checks the admissibility of claims submitted under option (a) above.

September 2019

Mr Agnew asked the Assembly Commission to lay in the Assembly Library any reports they have (i) written; or (ii) commissioned in relation to the establishment of a Youth Assembly.
(AQW 165/17-22)

Mr Wells (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): Further to AQWs 107 to 114/17-22 in relation to the establishment of a youth assembly, it would be useful to provide an update on developments since last year.

The Speaker asked officials to include an item on the agenda for the Commission's meeting in March 2018 to provide it with the opportunity to consider the potential for addressing the issue of a youth assembly. A paper was presented to the Commission at its meeting on 5 March 2018 and the Commission decided that officials should prepare an options paper in relation to a youth assembly.

That options paper was produced following engagement with a range of relevant stakeholders and was presented to the Commission at its meeting on 24 June 2019. The Commission considered it and agreed that a further paper be prepared developing the option of a Commission-supported model of a youth assembly and that this should make clear the independence of the youth assembly in setting its own agenda. Work is now underway to produce a detailed paper on that preferred option for consideration at a future Assembly Commission meeting.

Arrangements will be made for a copy of the paper that was presented to the Commission on 5 March 2018 to be laid in the library. The options paper presented to the Commission at its meeting on 24 June 2019 will not be placed in the library at this stage as it relates to a policy still under development.

I hope you find the above information helpful.

October 2019

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission what plans are being made to celebrate the centenary of Northern Ireland.
(AQW 164/17-22)

Mr Dickson (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): In 2012, the Assembly Commission agreed an approach which set out principles and a process through which the Commission would decide by consensus the anniversaries to be marked, and the events to be held, in Parliament Buildings during the decade of centenaries.

In October 2018, the Commission agreed to initiate the approach for centenaries for the current mandate. A first event was held in January 2019 to mark the first sitting of Dáil Éireann and the beginning of the Irish War of Independence with a lecture by Dr Eamon Phoenix.

The remaining centenaries the Commission has agreed to mark before the end of this mandate in 2022 are:

December 2020	Government of Ireland Act
May 2021	Partition/ Creation of Northern Ireland
June 2021	First Sitting of the Northern Ireland Parliament

Under the terms of the agreed approach, the Commission will normally agree how each anniversary will be marked by January of the relevant year (or sooner if the date falls early in a specific year).

Therefore, work and discussions on the events which will be held to mark centenaries in 2021, including the creation of Northern Ireland, in line with the agreed principles, will occur in the second half of 2020.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission how many Assembly ID passes are currently issued to officials from the Government of the Republic of Ireland.
(AQW 166/17-22)

Mr Maskey (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): There are three Assembly ID passes currently issued to officials from the Government of the Republic of Ireland.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission pursuant to AQW 119/17-22, for an update on the answer.
(AQW 167/17-22)

Mr Swann (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The response to AQW 119/17-22 recorded that the Assembly Commission does not have any staff who are seconded to work outside Northern Ireland.

However, a process of redeployment (including redeployments to other legislatures but on the understanding that the majority of the work is carried out in Parliament Buildings) has been in place to seek to maintain the skills and experience of the Commission's staff during the period when the Assembly is not fully functioning. This process became fully effective in October 2017 and has continued since March 2018.

The time that staff members work for an entity outside Northern Ireland can vary from month to month and is generally time bound. For the staff who have been working with other legislatures, the cost since March 2018 to date is £493,053.

The breakdown of this total is as follows:

- House of Commons - £114,761
- Scottish Parliament - £174,746
- House of Lords - £12,653
- National Assembly for Wales - £161,529
- Houses of the Oireachtas - £12,653
- Scottish Commissioner for Standards - £16,711

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission pursuant to AQW 118/17-22, for an update on the answer.
(AQW 168/17-22)

Mr Swann (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The Assembly Commission does not have any formal secondment arrangements in place for staff outside Northern Ireland. However, the Commission continues to utilise its contacts in other legislatures to seek to maintain the skills and experience of its staff during the period when the Assembly has not been fully functioning through a process of redeployment.

All redeployment arrangements enable Assembly Commission staff to be recalled immediately once the Assembly resumes its full range of functions. Information in relation to redeployed staff is collated on a monthly basis and the information below is accurate from March 2018 to 10 October 2019. The figures provided are on the basis of full-time equivalent (FTE) staff.

- (i) 7.8 FTE staff have been redeployed to work for bodies located outside the jurisdiction of Northern Ireland, although the majority of the work is carried out in Parliament Buildings.
- (ii) The breakdown of the organisations that the staff have been redeployed to work for is as follows:
 - 1.5 FTE staff - House of Commons;
 - 2.9 FTE staff - Scottish Parliament;
 - 0.2 FTE staff - House of Lords;
 - 2.8 FTE staff - National Assembly for Wales
 - 0.2 FTE staff - Houses of the Oireachtas; and
 - 0.2 FTE staff - Scottish Commissioner for Standards
- (iii) The Assembly Commission pays the salaries of the redeployed staff.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission pursuant to AQW 105/17-22, for an update on the answer.
(AQW 169/17-22)

Mr Dickson (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The two specialists in fine art that have been consulted by the Commission have offered a view that the age and style of the table in question is not consistent with that era (c1800).

It was suggested that documentation relating to the acquisition of the table (it is believed to have been purchased by the Northern Ireland Government in 1957) might shed further light on the origin of the table. However, the Commission has been unable to unearth anything further.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission pursuant to AQW 153/17-22, for an update on the answer.
(AQW 170/17-22)

Mr Wells (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The Commission has been working with the supplier of the lighting installation to consider options to enable the crest, and the balcony on which it is mounted, to be better illuminated as requested.

One proposal that has been suggested is to provide supplementary lighting for this area while ensuring that this does not detract from the overall lighting effect. To date, it has proven difficult to source discrete light fittings that will look appropriate on the building façade. The supplier is also developing a proposal to incorporate additional lighting for this area into the overall lighting scheme but this is much more complex and is likely to require significant additional expenditure.

The supplier will shortly be undertaking sample testing of both proposals to ensure compatibility with the existing lighting. Following that testing, full costed proposals will be provided for the Commission to consider.

The Commission will endeavour to keep you informed of progress in that regard.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission pursuant to AQW 137/17-22, for an update on the answer.
(AQW 171/17-22)

Mr Maskey (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The Assembly Commission surrendered funds in both (i) the current financial year and (ii) in 2018/19. The detail of the funds surrendered in each of the two years is detailed in the table below:

Table 1: Opening Budget vs Closing Budget Position

	2018/19 Opening Budget	2018/19 Final Budget	2018/19 Change from Opening Budget	2019/20 Opening Budget	2019/20 Revised Budget	2019/20 Change from Opening Budget
Description	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income	-130	-308	(178)	-106	-142	(36)
Secretariat Salaries	16,912	15,524	(1,388)	17,051	16,651	(400)
Admin Costs	5,498	4,396	(1,102)	4,601	4,640	39
GRANT to NIALST	0	65	65	0	0	0
Members' Salaries	6,555	5,354	(1,201)	4,458	4,441	(17)
Members' Other Costs	64	60	(4)	62	75	13
Members' Travel	292	282	(10)	313	318	5
Members' Constituency office costs (incl staff)	5,843	5,506	(337)	5,862	5,796	(66)
Party Allowance (FAPP)	880	767	(113)	767	767	0
Total DEL RESOURCE	35,914	31,646	(4,268)	33,008	32,546	(462)
IT EQUIPMENT Capital	284	33	(251)	570	250	(320)
OTHER - Capital	516	203	(313)	430	100	(330)
Total DEL Capital	800	236	(564)	570	350	(650)

The Assembly Commission's initial Non Ring-Fenced Resource DEL budget of £38.414m for 2018/19 was reduced by £2.500m to £35.914m to reflect the reduction from 108 to 90 in the number of Members following the March 2017 election. This figure of £35.914m was subsequently used for the calculation of budget surrenders. £4.268m of Non Ring-Fenced Resource DEL (including the £739k reported in the reply to AQW 137/17-22) and £564k Capital DEL was surrendered during the 2018/19 financial year.

The opening budget position of £35.914m for 2018/19 was further reduced to £33.008m for 2019/20 to reflect reductions in staff numbers and other costs due to the ongoing reduced level of Assembly business. £462k of this Non Ring-Fenced Resource DEL along with £650k Capital DEL was surrendered in the September 2019 monitoring round.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission pursuant to AQW 136/17-22, for an update on the answer.
(AQW 172/17-22)

Mr Swann (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): I have provided an update in the tables below:

Contracts Awarded since 22 June 2018 (the date up to which the previous question was addressed)

Requirement	Awarded To	Since June 2018
Fortigate Wireless Firewall License	Lan2Lan	August 2018
Performance Management Support	3C	August 2018
HP Server Warranty	Capita Business Services Ltd	September 2018
Instant Atlas Software Licence	ERI Ireland	December 2018

Requirement	Awarded To	Since June 2018
Performance Management Consumables	The Signature Works	December 2018
Sophos Anti-Virus Endpoint Licence	Chess Cybersecurity	February 2019
Assembly Printer Maintenance & Support	Capita Business Services Ltd	March 2019
Software Development Licence	Syncfusion	March 2019
Provision of Performance Management software	Sprigg	March 2019
Supply of Natural Gas for Public Sector Buildings	Firmus	April 2019
Remote User PINSAFE Support and Maintenance	Sapphire Technologies	April 2019
Licence for deploying Network Policy Updates	PolicyPak	April 2019
Independent Auditing of the Financial Assistance to the Political Parties Scheme	MB McGrady & Co.	May 2019
Microsoft Enterprise Agreement Licence	CDW Ltd	June 2019
Sophus UTM Firewall Licence	AISEC	July 2019
Remote Desktop Software Licence	ISLonline	July 2019
Confidential Shredding	Securashred	August 2019
Provision of Security & Ancillary Services for the Public Sector	G4S	September 2019
People Manager Programme for Staff	AKU Training Elite Training Services The Academy of Executive Coaching Fiona Bradley Training Action Mental Health Inspire Training	May 2019 August 2019 August 2019 August 2019 August 2019 August 2019
IT Consumables (Off Contract)	Various	Ongoing

Contracts Extended since 22 June 2018

Requirement	Awarded To	Date Awarded
Origination of Bound Volumes	S. Cullen	April 2019
Contract for the Provision of Corporate Wear, Personal Protective Equipment and Associated Accessories	Tailored Image Ltd	June 2019
Purchase To Pay System	Elcom Solution Ltd	July 2019
Human Resource Management System	MidlandHR	July 2019
Security Management System	ADT Fire & Security Ltd	July 2019
Bill Template Software	Propylon	August 2019
Stationery and IT Consumables	Banner Group Ltd	September 2019
Insurance Broking and Risk Management	Marsh Ltd	September 2019

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission pursuant to AQW 133/17-22, for an update on the answer.
(AQW 173/17-22)

Mr Dickson (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The Assembly Commission can confirm that there have been no staff redundancies since the reply to AQW 133/17-22 was issued in June 2018.

Mr Allister asked the Assembly Commission pursuant to AQW 129/17-22, for an update on the answer.
(AQW 174/17-22)

Mr Wells (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): The provision of waste contractor services continues to be managed through a public sector contract which encompasses Parliament Buildings and the wider Stormont Estate. The information included in this reply is not held by is provided to the Assembly Commission by the Estate Management team and its subcontractors.

Within Parliament Buildings, it is not possible to separate the food waste generated by the catering operations and the food waste collected from the recycling bins located throughout the Building. Therefore, the figures provided in the table overleaf from April 2018 include both. Figures from June 2019 to present are not available yet.

	2018 (kg's)	2019 (kg's)
January	Provided in AQW 129/17-22	633
February		640
March		632
April	1,014	648
May	1,863	665
June	972	Not yet available
July	1,026	Not yet available
August	1,040	Not yet available
September	368	Not yet available
October	633	Not yet available
November	633	-
December	633	-

Revised Written Answers

This section contains the revised written answers to questions tabled by Members.

The content of the responses is as received at the time from the relevant Minister or representative of the Assembly Commission, and it has not been subject to the official reporting (Hansard) process or changed.

Northern Ireland Assembly

Revised Written Answers

Northern Ireland Assembly Commission

November 2018

In this Bound Volume, page WA 40, replace the answer given with:

Dr Aiken asked the Assembly Commission since 2014 (i) how many Freedom of Information requests it has received; (ii) how many were responded to within the statutory 20 day timeframe; (iii) how many were responded to in full; (iv) how many had limited responses issued; (v) how many internal reviews were conducted; and (vi) how many responses were subsequently amended.

(AQW 151/17-22)

Mr Wells (The Representative of the Assembly Commission): A total of 441 Freedom of Information requests have been received from 1 January 2014 – 26 October 2018. Of these, 21 requests were withdrawn by the requester.

Section 10 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act) sets out the time frames within which a public authority must respond to a request under the Act. Authorities must respond to requests promptly, and by the twentieth working day following the date of receipt of the request. If the authority needs further details to identify or locate the information, then the 20 working days will commence the day after it receives the required clarification from the requester. Section 10(3) of the Act enables an authority to extend the 20 working day limit up to a 'reasonable' time in any case where it requires more time to determine whether or not the balance of the public interest lies in maintaining an exemption.

378 requests were responded to within this statutory time frame and 1 request remains live and within the statutory period for response.

All requests proceeded with were fully responded to.

Exemptions under the legislation were applicable in relation to 37 of the requests received and some information was consequently exempt from disclosure in those cases.

Information was not held in relation to 109 requests.

12 requests for internal review were requested and concluded and five responses were subsequently amended.

Journal of Proceedings

Minutes of Proceedings

Northern Ireland Assembly

Monday 13 March 2017

The Assembly met at 4.00pm.

1. Notice of First Meeting

In accordance with Standing Order 2(1) the Clerk to the Assembly gave notice that the Assembly will meet, as required by section 31(4) of the Northern Ireland Act 1998, in Parliament Buildings on Monday 13 March 2017 at 4.00pm.

The Speaker took the Chair.

2. Undertaking and Roll of Membership

The Speaker outlined the procedure for Members to take their seats in accordance with Standing Order 3(7). Members gave the undertaking before then signing the Roll and indicating a designation of identity.

The following members designated as Nationalist:

Ms Caoimhe Archibald, Mr Cathal Boylan, Ms Michaela Boyle, Ms Sinéad Bradley, Mr Pat Catney, Mr John Dallat, Ms Linda Dillon, Ms Jemma Dolan, Mr Mark Durkan, Mr Colum Eastwood, Ms Sinéad Ennis, Ms Meagan Fearon, Ms Órlaithí Flynn, Ms Michelle Gildernew, Ms Claire Hanna, Mr Chris Hazzard, Mr Declan Kearney, Mr Gerry Kelly, Mrs Dolores Kelly, Mr Seán Lynch, Mr Declan McAleer, Ms Elisha McCallion, Mr Fra McCann, Mr Raymond McCartney, Mr Daniel McCrossan, Mr Barry McElduff, Mr Patsy McGlone, Mr Colin McGrath, Mr Philip McGuigan, Mr Justin McNulty, Ms Nichola Mallon, Mr Alex Maskey, Mr Ian Milne, Mr Conor Murphy, Ms Carál Ní Chuilín, Mr Máirtín Ó Muilleoir, Mr John O'Dowd, Mrs Michelle O'Neill, Mr Pat Sheehan.

The following Members designated as Unionist:

Mr Steve Aiken, Mr Andy Allen, Mr Jim Allister, Mrs Rosemary Barton, Mr Doug Beattie, Mr Roy Beggs, Mr Maurice Bradley, Ms Paula Bradley, Mr Keith Buchanan, Mr Thomas Buchanan, Mr Jonathan Buckley, Ms Joanne Bunting, Mrs Pam Cameron, Mr Alan Chambers, Mr Gordon Dunne, Mr Alex Easton, Rt. Hon Arlene Foster, Mr Paul Frew, Mr Paul Girvan, Mr Paul Givan, Mr Simon Hamilton, Mr David Hilditch, Mr William Humphrey, Mr William Irwin, Ms Carla Lockhart, Mr Gordon Lyons, Miss Michelle McIlveen, Mr Gary Middleton, Mr Mike Nesbitt, Mr Robin Newton, Mr Edwin Poots, Mr George Robinson, Mr Christopher Stalford, Mr John Stewart, Mr Mervyn Storey, Ms Claire Sugden, Mr Robin Swann, Mr Peter Weir, Mr Jim Wells.

The following Members designated as Other:

Mr Steven Agnew, Ms Kellie Armstrong, Ms Clare Bailey, Ms Paula Bradshaw, Mr Gerry Carroll, Mr Stewart Dickson, Dr Stephen Farry, Mr David Ford, Mrs Naomi Long, Mr Trevor Lunn, Mr Chris Lyttle.

3. Adjournment

Proposed:

That the Assembly do now adjourn.

The Speaker

The Assembly adjourned at 4.46pm.

Mr Robin Newton

The Speaker

13 March 2017

Northern Ireland Assembly

Monday 21 October 2019

The Assembly met at 1.03 pm, the Speaker in the Chair.

1. Speaker's Business

Assembly proceedings

- 1.1 The Speaker made some remarks detailing the delay to the start of the sitting.
- 1.2 The Speaker confirmed that this Plenary Sitting had been convened following receipt of a valid notice, signed by not less than 30 Members, in accordance with Standing Order 11, for the purpose of the election of Speaker and Deputy Speakers, filling Ministerial offices and debate on the Legislative Position on Abortion in Northern Ireland (see Appendix 1).

Members Resignations and Appointments

- 1.3 The Speaker advised of the Members who have resigned from their seats and the Members who have taken their seats since the previous sitting on Monday 13 March 2017.

2. Election of Speaker

The Speaker (Mr Newton) outlined the procedure for the election of a Speaker under Standing Order 4.

There being no nominations, the Speaker moved to the next item of business.

3. Election of Deputy Speakers

The Speaker (Mr Newton) advised that the procedure for election of Deputy Speakers would be the same as that for the election of the Speaker.

There being no nominations, the Speaker moved to the next item of business.

4. Adjournment

Proposed:

That the Assembly do now adjourn.

The Speaker

The Assembly adjourned at 1.51pm.

Mr Robin Newton

The Speaker

21 October 2019

Appendix 1

Northern Ireland Assembly

The undersigned Members of the Northern Ireland Assembly give notice to the Speaker, under Standing Order 11, that the Assembly should meet on Monday 21 October 2019 for the purpose of electing a Speaker and Deputy Speakers; to fill Ministerial offices; and to debate the following Motion:

Legislative position on abortion in Northern Ireland

That this Assembly agrees that the legislative position on abortion in Northern Ireland will most appropriately be determined by the Northern Ireland Assembly.

- Mr Jim Allister
- Mr Roy Beggs
- Mr Maurice Bradley
- Ms Paula Bradley
- Mr Keith Buchanan
- Mr Thomas Buchanan
- Mr Jonathan Buckley
- Ms Joanne Bunting
- Mr Robbie Butler
- Mrs Pam Cameron
- Mr Alan Chambers
- Mr Trevor Clarke
- Mr Gordon Dunne
- Mr Alex Easton
- Mr Paul Frew
- Mr Paul Givan
- Mr Harry Harvey
- Mr David Hilditch
- Mr William Humphrey
- Mr William Irwin
- Ms Carla Lockhart
- Mr Gordon Lyons
- Miss Michelle McIlveen
- Mr Gary Middleton
- Mr Edwin Poots
- Mr George Robinson
- Mr Christopher Stalford
- Mr Mervyn Storey
- Mr Robin Swann
- Mr Peter Weir
- Mr Jim Wells

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Papers Presented to the Assembly on 14 March 2017 – 21 October 2019

1. Acts of the Northern Ireland Assembly
2. Bills of the Northern Ireland Assembly
3. Orders in Council
4. Publications Laid in the Northern Ireland Assembly

Tourism Ireland Ltd: Annual Report 2015 (Department for the Economy)

Education Authority Annual Report and Accounts for the period ended 31 March 2016 (Withdrawn)
(Department of Education)

Education Authority Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2016 (Corrected version)
(Department of Education)

Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment Mineral Development Account for the year ended 31 March 2016
(Department for the Economy)

Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment Petroleum Production Account for the year ended 31 March 2016
(Department for the Economy)

RUC GC Foundation Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2015 (Department of Justice)

RUC GC Foundation Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2016 (Department of Justice)

The Northern Ireland Assembly Commissioner for Standards Annual Report 2016-2017

Loughs Agency Annual Report and Accounts 2015 (Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs)

North South Language Body 2015 Report and Accounts (Department for Communities)

Annual Report and Accounts 2015-16 for General Teaching Council for Northern Ireland (Department of Education)

The Final Annual Report of the Lay Observer for Northern Ireland 2016 (Department of Finance)

The Northern Ireland Assembly Members' Pension Fund Annual Report and Accounts (Assembly Commission)

Probation Board for Northern Ireland Annual Report and Accounts 2016-17 (Department of Justice)

Comhairle na Gaelscolaíochta Annual Report and Accounts for Year Ended 31 March 2017
(Comhairle na Gaelscolaíochta)

Northern Ireland Public Services Ombudsman Annual Report and Accounts 2016-17 (Department of Justice)

Northern Ireland Assembly Commission Annual Report and Accounts for the year-ended 31 March 2017
(Department of Finance) (Withdrawn)

Department for the Economy Annual Report and Accounts for the year-ended 31 March 2017 (Department of Finance)

Northern Ireland Authority for Utility Regulation Annual Report and Accounts for the year-ended 31 March 2017
(Department of Finance)

Northern Ireland Audit Office Annual Report and Accounts for the year-ended 31 March 2017 (Department of Finance)

Driver and Vehicle Agency Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for the year-ended 31 March 2017
(Department for Infrastructure)

Health and Social Care Board Annual Accounts and Report 2016-17 (Department of Health)

Public Health Agency Annual Accounts and Report 2016-17 (Department of Health)

Business Services Organisation Annual Accounts and Report 2016-17 (Department of Health)

Professional Standards Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2016-17 (Department of Health)

Northern Ireland Environment Agency Annual Report and Accounts for the year-ended 31 March 2017 (Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs)

Northern Ireland Authority for Utility Regulation (NIAUR) Annual Report for the year-ended 31 March 2017 (Department for the Economy)

Northern Ireland Council for the Curriculum Examinations and Assessment (NICCEA) Annual Report and Accounts 2016-17 (Department of Education)

Department of Education - Teachers' Pension Annual Scheme Statements year ended 31 March 2017 (Department of Finance)

Northern Ireland Judicial Pension Scheme Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017 (Department of Finance)

Department of Education Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017 (Department of Finance)

Southern Health and Social Care Trust Annual Report Accounts of the Trust Funds Held by the Southern Health and Social Care Trust year ended 31 March 2017 (Department of Health)

Southern Health and Social Care Trust Annual Report and Accounts for year ended 31 March 2017 (Department of Health)

Belfast Health and Social Care Trust Annual Report and Accounts 2016-17 (Department of Health)

Belfast Health and Social Care Trust Charitable Trust Funds Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017 (Department of Health)

The Annual Report and Accounts of the Charitable Trust Funds held by the South Eastern HSC Trust for the year ended 31 March 2017 (Department of Health)

South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust Annual Report and Accounts 2016-17 (Department of Health)

The Accounts of the Charitable Trust Funds held by Northern Health and Social Care Trust for the year ended 31 March 2017 (Department of Health)

Northern Health and Social Care Trust Annual Report 2016-17 (Department of Health)

Northern Ireland Transport Holding Company Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 26 March 2017 (Department for Infrastructure)

Northern Ireland Assembly Commission Annual Report and Accounts 2016-17 (Department of Finance)

Department for Infrastructure Annual Report and Accounts 2016-17 (Department of Finance)

Forensic Science Northern Ireland Annual Report and Accounts 2016-17 (Department of Justice)

Public Prosecution Service for Northern Ireland Annual Report and Resource Accounts 2016-17 (Department of Justice)

Health and Safety Executive for Northern Ireland Annual Report and Accounts 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017 (Department for the Economy)

Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017 (Department of Finance)

Department of Finance Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017 (Department of Finance)

Labour Relations Agency Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017 (Department for the Economy)

Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017 (Department of Justice)

Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017 (Department of Finance)

Northern Ireland Ambulance Service Health and Social Care Trust Charitable Trust Fund Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017 (Department of Health)

Northern Ireland Ambulance Service Annual Report and Accounts 2016-17 (Department of Health)

Western Health and Social Care Trust Annual Report and Accounts for the Year ended 31 March 2017 (Department of Health)

Western Health and Social Care Trust Annual Report and Accounts of the Trust Funds held by the Western Health and Social Care Trust for the year ended 31 March 17 (Department of Health)

Department of Finance Superannuation and Other Allowances Pension Schemes Statement for the year ended 31 March 2017 (Department of Finance)

Youth Justice Agency Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017 (Department of Justice)

Northern Ireland Courts and Tribunals Service Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017 (Department of Justice)

Department of Health Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017 (Department of Finance)

The Executive Office Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017 (Department of Finance)

Food Standards Agency in Northern Ireland Annual Report and Accounts 2016/17 (Department of Finance)

Patient Client Council Annual Report and Accounts 2016-17 (Department of Health)

Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service Annual Report and Accounts 2016-17 (Department of Health)

Laying of Inspection Reports: Cyber Crime: An inspection of how the criminal justice system deals with Cyber Crime in Northern Ireland (Department of Justice)

Equality Commission for Northern Ireland Annual Report and Accounts 2016-2017 (The Executive Office)

Police Rehabilitation and Retraining Trust Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017 (Department of Justice)

Committee on Climate Change (CCC) – Reducing emissions and preparing for climate change: 2017 Report to Parliament (Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs)

Strategic Investment Board Limited Annual Review and Financial Statements 2016-2017 year ended 31st March 2017 (The Executive Office)

Northern Ireland Prison Service Annual Report and Accounts 2016-17 (Department of Justice)

Northern Ireland Police Fund Annual Report and Accounts year ended 31st March 2016 (Department of Justice)

Youth Council for Northern Ireland Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017 (Department of Education)

HSC Pension Scheme Statement for the year ended 31 March 2017 (Department of Finance)

Council for Catholic Maintained Schools Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017 (Department of Education)

Department for Communities Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017 (Department for Communities)

Department of Justice Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017 (Department of Justice)

Forest Service Agency Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017 (Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs)

The General Consumer Council for Northern Ireland Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017 (Department for the Economy)

Legal Services Agency Northern Ireland Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017 (Department of Justice)

Invest Northern Ireland Annual Report and Accounts 2016-17 (Department for the Economy)

Northern Ireland Policing Board Annual Report and Accounts for the period 1 April 2016 - 31 March 2017 (Department of Justice)

Police Service of Northern Ireland Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017
(Department of Justice)

The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland Annual report and accounts 2016-2017 (Department for Communities)

Probation Board for Northern Ireland Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017
(Department of Justice)

Criminal Justice Inspection Northern Ireland Annual Reports and Accounts 2016/17 (Department of Justice)

The Northern Ireland Council for Integrated Education (a company limited by guarantee) Director's report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2017 (Department of Education)

CITB NI Annual Report 2015-16 (Department for the Economy)

Parole Commissioners for Northern Ireland Annual Report 2016-17 (Department of Justice)

PSNI Pension Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017 (Department of Justice)

Northern Ireland Medical and Dental Training Agency Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017
(Department of Health)

British Library Annual Report and Accounts 2016-17 (British Library)

UK Statistics Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2016/17 (Department of Finance)

Press Recognition Panel Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2017
(Press Recognition Panel)

The Patient and Client Council Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017 (Department of Health)

BBC Annual Report and Accounts 2016/17 (Department for Communities)

Committee on Climate Change Annual Report and Accounts 2016/17 (Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs)

Northern Ireland Blood Transfusion Service Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017
(Department of Health)

Northern Ireland Blood Transfusion Service Trust Fund Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017
(Department of Health)

National Heritage Memorial Fund Annual Report and Accounts 2016-17 (National Heritage Memorial Fund)

Heritage Lottery Fund Annual Report and Accounts 2016-17 (Heritage Lottery Fund)

Charitable Donations & Bequests Accounts for year ending March 2016 (Department for Communities)

Northern Ireland Courts & Tribunals Service Investment Account – Statement of Accounts for 2016-17

An inspection of the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development Fraud Investigations and Enforcement Activities (Department of Justice)

The Annual Report and Accounts of the NIGALA April 2016 - March 2017 (Department of Health)

Annual Report and Accounts of the NI Practice and Education Council (NIPEC) 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017
(Department of Health)

National Crime Agency Annual Report and Accounts 2016-17 (Department of Justice)

Report of the Appointed Person for Northern Ireland under Sections 195I and 291 of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 and Article 103H of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (External Requests and Orders) Order 2005 (Department of Justice)

Report on an unannounced visit to Maghaberry Prison (3-4 April 2017) to review progress against the nine inspection recommendations made in 2015 (Department of Justice)

NI Water Annual Report and Accounts 2016/17 (Department for Infrastructure)

NILGOSC's Annual Report and Accounts 2016/17 (Department for Communities)

NI Central Investment Fund for Charities Annual Report and Accounts to 30 September 2016
(Department for Communities)

InterTradeIreland 2016 Annual Review of Activities and Annual Accounts (Department for the Economy)

Made to Measure: The Availability and Use of Management and Performance Management Information in the Criminal Justice System (Department of Justice)

Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland – Annual Report and Accounts 2016-17 (Department of Health)

Access to Finance for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) in Northern Ireland (Northern Ireland Audit Office)

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- SR 2018/71 The Parking and Waiting Restrictions (Glengormley) Order (Northern Ireland) 2018 (Department for Infrastructure)
- SR 2018/69 The Employment Rights (Increase of Limits) Order (Northern Ireland) 2018 (Department for the Economy)
- SR 2018/79 (C. 7) The Employment Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 (Commencement No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2018 (Department for the Economy)
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- SR 2018/81 The Road Races (Drumhorc Hill Climb) Order (Northern Ireland) 2018 (Department for Infrastructure)
- SR 2018/82 The Road Races (Cookstown 100) Order (Northern Ireland) 2018 (Department for Infrastructure)
- SR 2018/83 The Road Races (Craigantlet Hill Climb) Order (Northern Ireland) 2018 (Department for Infrastructure)
- SR 2018/84 The Road Races (Tandragee 100) Order (Northern Ireland) 2018 (Department for Infrastructure)

- SR 2018/93 The Road Races (Tour of the Sperrins Rally) Order (Northern Ireland) 2018 (Department for Infrastructure)
- SR 2018/95 The Road Races (Spamount Hill Climb) Order (Northern Ireland) 2018 (Department for Infrastructure)
- SR 2018/96 The Road Races (North West 200) Order (Northern Ireland) 2018 (Department for Infrastructure)
- SR 2018/99 (C.9) The Justice (2016 Act) (Commencement No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2018 (Department of Justice)
- Correction slip - SR 2016/303 The Magistrates' Courts (Miscellaneous Amendments) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2016 (Department of Justice)
- SR 2018/111 The Parking Places (Disabled Persons' Vehicles) (Amendment No. 3) Order (Northern Ireland) 2018 (Department for Infrastructure)
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- SR 2018/113 The Waiting Restrictions (Comber) Order (Northern Ireland) 2018 (Department for Infrastructure)
- SR 2018/114 The Parking Places on Roads (Comber) Order (Northern Ireland) 2018 (Department for Infrastructure)
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- SR 2018/124 The Bus Lanes (Belfast Rapid Transit, East and West Corridors) Order (Northern Ireland) 2018 (Department for Infrastructure)
- SR 2018/125 The Bus Lanes (Belfast City Centre) Order (Northern Ireland) 2018 (Department for Infrastructure)
- SR 2018/126 The Road Races (Cairncastle Hill Climb) Order (Northern Ireland) 2018 (Department for Infrastructure)
- SR 2018/127 The Road Races (Enniskillen Motorcycle Road Race) Order (Northern Ireland) 2018 (Department for Infrastructure)
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- SR 2018/133 The Road Races (Armoyle Motorcycle Road Race) Order (Northern Ireland) 2018 (Department for Infrastructure)
- SR 2018/134 The Road Races (Down Rally) Order (Northern Ireland) 2018 (Department for Infrastructure)
- SR 2018/140 The Road Races (Ulster Grand Prix Bike Week) Order (Northern Ireland) 2018 (Department for Infrastructure)
- SR 2018/141 The Road Races (Garron Point Hill Climb) Order (Northern Ireland) 2018 (Department for Infrastructure)
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- SR 2018/144 The Bus Lanes (Belfast Rapid Transit, East and West Corridors) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2018 (Department for Infrastructure)
- SR 2018/145 The Road Races (Eagles Rock Hill Climb) Order (Northern Ireland) 2018 (Department for Infrastructure)
- SR 2018/146 The Parking and Waiting Restrictions (Belfast) Order (Northern Ireland) 2018 (Department for Infrastructure)
- SR 2018/148 The Road Races (Knockagh Hill Climb) Order (Northern Ireland) 2018 (Department for Infrastructure)
- SR 2018/152 The Prohibition of Waiting (Schools) (Amendment No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2018 (Department for Infrastructure)
- SR 2018/153 The Prohibition of Waiting (Schools) (Amendment No. 3) Order (Northern Ireland) 2018 (Department for Infrastructure)

- SR 2018/154 The Parking Places (Disabled Persons' Vehicles) (Amendment No. 4) Order (Northern Ireland) 2018 (Department for Infrastructure)
- SR 2018/155 The Control of Traffic ("The Dark Hedges") (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2018 (Department for Infrastructure)
- SR 2018/156 The Schools (Part-Time 20mph Speed Limit) Order (Northern Ireland) 2018 (Department for Infrastructure)
- SR 2018/157 The Roads (Speed Limit) Order (Northern Ireland) 2018 (Department for Infrastructure)
- SR 2018/158 The One-Way Traffic (Dungannon) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2018 (Department for Infrastructure)
- SR 2018/161 The Waiting Restrictions (Moneymore) Order (Northern Ireland) 2018 (Department for Infrastructure)
- SR 2018/162 The Parking and Waiting Restrictions (Larne) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2018 (Department for Infrastructure)
- SR 2018/163 The Roads (Speed Limit) (No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2018 (Department for Infrastructure)
- SR 2018/164 The Parking and Waiting Restrictions (Newtownards) Order (Northern Ireland) 2018 (Department for Infrastructure)
- SR 2018/175 The Loading Bays on Roads (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2018 (Department for Infrastructure)
- SR 2018/177 The One-Way Traffic (Newry) Order (Northern Ireland) 2018 (Department for Infrastructure)
- SR 2018/179 The Parking and Waiting Restrictions (Portadown) Order (Northern Ireland) 2018 (Department for Infrastructure)
- SR 2018/180 The Motor Hackney Carriages (Londonderry) Bye-Laws (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2018 (Department for Infrastructure)
- SR 2018/181 The Extinguishment of Right to Use Vehicles on Roads (Londonderry) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2018 (Department for Infrastructure)
- SR 2018/197 The Parking Places on Roads and Waiting Restrictions (Dungannon) Order (Northern Ireland) 2018 (Department for Infrastructure)
- SR 2018/198 The Parking Places on Roads and Waiting Restrictions (Cookstown) Order (Northern Ireland) 2018 (Department for Infrastructure)
- SR 2018/199 The Parking Places on Roads and Waiting Restrictions (Magherafelt) Order (Northern Ireland) 2018 (Department for Infrastructure)
- SR 2018/201 The Waiting Restrictions (Toome) Order (Northern Ireland) 2018 (Department for Infrastructure)
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- SR 2018/203 The Schools (Part-Time 20mph Speed Limit) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2018 (Department for Infrastructure)
- SR 2018/212 The Social Security (Reciprocal Agreement) (Isle of Man) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2018 (Department for Communities)
- SR 2019/51 The Roads (Speed Limit) Order (Northern Ireland) 2019 (Department for Infrastructure)
- SR 2019/52 The Waiting Restrictions (Whitehead) Order (Northern Ireland) 2019 (Department for Infrastructure)
- SR 2019/53 The Parking Places on Roads, Loading Bay and Waiting Restrictions (Newcastle) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2019 (Department for Infrastructure)
- SR 2019/63 The Employment Rights (Increase of Limits) Order (Northern Ireland) 2019 (Department for the Economy)
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- SR 2019/77 The Social Security (Ireland) Order (Northern Ireland) 2019 (Department for Communities)
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- SR 2019/79 The Road Races (Cookstown100) Order (Northern Ireland) 2019 (Department for Infrastructure)
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- SR 2019/91 The Road Races (North West 200) Order (Northern Ireland) 2019 (Department for Infrastructure)
- SR 2019/93 The Road Races (Knockagh Hill Climb) Order (Northern Ireland) 2019 (Department for Infrastructure)
- SR 2019/101 The Road Races (Spamount Hill Climb) Order (Northern Ireland) 2019 (Department for Infrastructure)
- SR 2019/103 The Parking and Waiting Restrictions (Newtownards) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2019 (Department for Infrastructure)
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- SR 2019/121 The Road Races (Down Rally) Order (Northern Ireland) 2019 (Department for Infrastructure)
- SR 2019/124 The Road Races (Armoy Motorcycle Road Race) Order (Northern Ireland) 2019 (Department for Infrastructure)
- SR 2019/126 The Roads (Speed Limit) (No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2019 (Department for Infrastructure)
- SR 2019/128 The Parking and Waiting Restrictions (Bangor) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2019 (Department for Infrastructure)
- SR 2019/129 The Taxis (Bangor) Order (Northern Ireland) 2019 (Department for Infrastructure)
- SR 2019/130 The Parking Places on Roads (Coaches) (Bangor) Order (Northern Ireland) 2019 (Department for Infrastructure)
- SR 2019/133 The Road Races (Ulster Grand Prix Bike Week) Order (Northern Ireland) 2019 (Department for Infrastructure)
- SR 2019/134 The Prohibition of Waiting (Schools) (Amendment No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2019 (Department for Infrastructure)
- SR 2019/135 The Waiting Restrictions (Lisburn) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2019 (Department for Infrastructure)
- SR 2019/136 The Parking Places (Disabled Persons' Vehicles) (Amendment No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2019 (Department for Infrastructure)
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- SR 2019/145 The Road Races (Garron Point Hill Climb) Order (Northern Ireland) 2019 (Department for Infrastructure)
- SR 2019/146 The Taxi Buses (Belfast) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2019 (Department for Infrastructure)
- SR 2019/147 The Waiting Restrictions (Toome) Order (Northern Ireland) 2019 (Department for Infrastructure)
- SR 2019/148 The Parking and Waiting Restrictions (Strabane) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2019 (Department for Infrastructure)
- SR 2019/149 The Parking and Waiting Restrictions (Larne) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2019 (Department for Infrastructure)
- SR 2019/150 The One-Way Traffic (Downpatrick) Order (Northern Ireland) 2019 (Department for Infrastructure)
- SR 2019/156 The Road Races (Ulster Rally) Order (Northern Ireland) 2019 (Department for Infrastructure)
- SR 2019/157 The Road Races (Eagles Rock Hill Climb) Order (Northern Ireland) 2019 (Department for Infrastructure)
- SR 2019/163 (C. 5) The Mental Capacity (2016 Act) (Commencement No. 1) Order (Northern Ireland) 2019 (Department of Health)
- SR 2019/168 The Parking Places (Disabled Persons' Vehicles) (Amendment No. 3) Order (Northern Ireland) 2019 (Department for Infrastructure)
- SR 2019/171 The Waiting Restrictions (Clogher) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2019 (Department for Infrastructure)
- SR 2019/172 The Loading Bays on Roads (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2019 (Department for Infrastructure)
- SR 2019/175 The Court of Judicature (Non-Contentious Probate) Fees (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2019 (Department of Justice)
- SR 2019/176 The Judgment Enforcement Fees (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2019 (Department of Justice)
- SR 2019/177 The County Court Fees (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2019 (Department of Justice)
- SR 2019/178 The Family Proceedings Fees (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2019 (Department of Justice)
- SR 2019/179 The Magistrates' Courts Fees (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2019 (Department of Justice)
- SR 2019/180 The Court of Judicature Fees (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2019 (Department of Justice)
- SR 2019/190 (C.6) The Mental Capacity (2016 Act) (Commencement No. 1) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2019 (Department of Health)

7. Written Ministerial Statements

8. Consultation Documents

Changes to Eligibility Criteria for Free School Meals and Uniform Grants (Department of Education)

Consultation on Proposed Consolidated Private Water Supplies Regulations to Implement European Commission Directive (EU) 2015/1787 Amending Annexes II and III to Council Directive 98/83/EC on the Quality of Water Intended for Human Consumption (Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs)

Consultation on the Transposition of the Medium Combustion Plant Directive including the regulation of thermal electricity generators (Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs)

Consultation on Proposed Changes to the Statutory Scheme to Control the Costs of Branded Health Service Medicines (Department of Health)

Consultation on Proposed Legal Requirements to Provide Information about Health Service Products (Department of Health)

Consultation on the Regulations Restricting the Age of Sale for Nicotine Inhaling Products to Over Eighteens (Department of Health)

A Fundamental Review of Social Housing Allocations – Consultation on Proposals (Department for Communities)

The regulation of medical associate professionals in the UK (Department of Health)

Consultation on Proposed Ionising Radiation (Medical Exposure) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2018 (Department of Health)

Consultation on promoting professionalism, reforming regulation (Department of Health)

Consultation on the Future of Pharmacy Regulation in Northern Ireland (Department of Health)

Consultation on Graduated Driver Licensing and Changes to the Practical Driving Test (Department for Infrastructure)

Consultation on Revised Requirements for Radiological Protection: Regulation of Public Exposures and the Justification of Practices (Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs)

A consultation on proposals to schedule pregabalin and gabapentin under the Misuse of Drugs Regulations 2001 (Department of Health)

Public Consultation - Changes to the Affordable Warmth Scheme (Department for Communities)

Consultation on the Department's Response to the TB Strategic Partnership Group's Recommendations to Eradicate Bovine TB in Northern Ireland (Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs)

Consultation on Strategic Framework for Imaging Services in Health and Social Care (Department of Health)

Consultation on proposed amendments to the UK Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Regulations 2013 (Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs)

Consultation on Proposal to Amend the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1999 (Department for Infrastructure)

2018 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies (Boundary Commission for Northern Ireland)

Consultation on Proposals to Amend the Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2018 (Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs)

A Public Consultation on The Fire and Rescue Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 Amendment (Department of Health)

Draft Local Government (Consequential Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2018 (Department for Communities)

Consultation on the joint Departmental Draft Strategy for Looked After Children (Department of Health and Department of Education)

Consultation on the Future of the Non-Domestic Renewable Heat Incentive Scheme (Department for the Economy)

Gas (Designation of Pipelines) Order (Northern Ireland) 2018 Consultation (Department for the Economy)

Classification of Registered Housing Associations in Northern Ireland: Consultation Two – The Future of the House Sales Schemes (Department for Communities)

Northern Ireland Future Agricultural Policy Framework: Stakeholder Engagement (Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs)

The draft Fluorinated Greenhouse Gases (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2018 (Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs)

Round 3 Industry Noise Action Plan drafted pursuant to the Environmental Noise Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 (Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs)

Historical Institutional Abuse – Consultation on Draft Legislation (The Executive Office)

Local Government Pension Scheme – Consultation on rectification of the Cost Cap Floor Breach (Department for Communities)

Improving Cost Recovery in the Civil Courts (Northern Ireland Courts and Tribunals Service)

Court Funds Office Northern Ireland – Management of Minors' and Patients' Funds (Northern Ireland Courts and Tribunals Service)

Review of the Law on Child Sexual Exploitation (Department of Justice)

Consultation on Reforming the UK Packaging Producer Responsibility System, February 2019 (Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs)

Consultation on Introducing a Deposit Return Scheme in England, Wales and Northern Ireland (Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs)

Reshaping Breast Assessment Services – Proposals for the Future Model of Breast Assessment Services for the Population of Northern Ireland (Department of Health)

Reshaping Stroke Care – Saving Lives, Reducing Disability (Department of Health)

Proposal for Exemption from Annual Roadworthiness Testing for Vehicles of Historical Interest (Department for Infrastructure)

Information Sharing for Child Protection Purposes (Department of Health)

Definition of Affordable Housing (Department for Communities)

Options for Basic Payment Scheme Entitlement Unit Values Post 2019: Stakeholder Engagement (Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs)

The Local Government Pension Scheme (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2019 (Department for Communities)

Potential Amendment to the Motorways Traffic Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008 (Department for Infrastructure)

Management measures for widely spread Invasive Alien Species (IAS) in Northern Ireland (Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs)

Waste Management Plan for Northern Ireland 2019 (Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs)

Department for Transport's Consultation on the Introduction of Green Number Plates for Ultra-low Emission Vehicles (Department for Infrastructure)

2021 Census: Topic Consultation for Northern Ireland (Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency)

2021 Census: Output Strategy Consultation for Northern Ireland (Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency)

9. Departmental Publications

Transformation South/West: Enhancing Place, Connecting Opportunities, Serving Belfast (Department for Communities)

Middletown Centre for Autism Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2016 (Department of Education)

The Waste Management Charging (Northern Ireland) Scheme 2017 (Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs)

Fees and Charges to Recover the Cost of Processing Discharge Consent Applications and the Regulation of Discharges under the Water (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 (Withdrawn) (Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs)

The Water Abstraction and Impoundment (Licensing) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017 (Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs)

The Pollution Prevention and Control (Industrial Emissions – NIEA) Charging Scheme (Northern Ireland) 2017 (Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs)

The Greenhouse Gas Emissions Charging Scheme (Northern Ireland) 2017 (Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs)

The Radioactive Substances (Fees and Charges) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 2017 (Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs)

Continuous improvement arrangements in policing (Northern Ireland Audit Office)

Children and Young People's Strategy 2017 -2027 (Department of Education)

The Pollution Prevention and Control (District Councils) Charging Scheme (Northern Ireland) 2017 (Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs)

Statistical Review of Northern Ireland Agriculture 2016 (Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs)

Management of the Transforming Your Care Reform Programme (Northern Ireland Audit Office)

Fees and Charges to Recover the Cost of Processing Discharge Consent Applications and the Regulation of Discharges under the Water (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 (Corrected version) (Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs)

Continuing Healthcare in Northern Ireland: Introducing a Transparent and Fair System (Department of Health)

Managing Children Who Offend (Northern Ireland Audit Office)

Special Educational Needs (Northern Ireland Audit Office)

Sickness Absence in the Northern Ireland Civil Service 2016/2017 (Department of Finance)

Criminal Cases Review Commission Annual Report and Accounts 2016/17 (Department of Justice)

Ilex Urban Regeneration Company Ltd. Annual Report and Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2017 (The Executive Office)

The Annual Report of the Chief Medical Officer for Northern Ireland 2016/17 (Department of Health)

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Middletown Centre for Autism 2016-17 Annual Report and Accounts (Department of Education)

NI Screen Annual Report and Annual Accounts 2016/17 (Department for the Economy)

Review of the Composition and Employment Practices of the Northern Ireland Civil Service (Department of Finance)

Ulster Supported Employment Limited (USEL) Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017 (Department for Communities)

Commissioner for Public Appointments Northern Ireland Annual Report 2016-2017 (The Executive Office)

Department for Communities Departmental Response to the Recommendations in the Northern Ireland Audit Office's Report: Homelessness in Northern Ireland (Department for Communities)

Department of Finance Departmental Response to Recommendations in the Northern Ireland Audit Office's Report: Managing the Central Government Office Estate (Department of Finance)

Fees and Charges to Recover the Cost of Processing Discharge Consent Applications and the Regulation of Discharges under the Water (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 (Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs)

A Scheme of Fees and Charges to Recover the Costs of Processing Licence Applications under the Water Abstraction and Impoundment (Licensing) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 (Department for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs)

The Radioactive Substances (Fees and Charges) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 2018 (Department for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs)

The Waste Management Charging (Northern Ireland) Scheme 2018 (Department for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs)

The Greenhouse Gas Emissions Charging Scheme (Northern Ireland) 2018 (Department for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs)

The Pollution Prevention and Control (Industrial Emissions – NIEA) Charging Scheme (Northern Ireland) 2018 (Department for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs)

Statistical Review of Northern Ireland Agriculture 2017 (Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs)

Department of Health Departmental Response to recommendations in the Northern Ireland Audit Office's Report - Type 2 Diabetes Prevention and Care (Department of Health)

Principal Civil Service Pension Scheme (Amendment) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 2018 (Department of Finance)

Department of Justice Departmental Response to Recommendations in the Northern Ireland Audit Office's Report – Speeding up Justice: Avoidable Delay in the Criminal Justice System (Department of Justice)

Northern Ireland Screen Annual Report and Accounts 2017/18 (Department for the Economy)

Sickness Absence in the Northern Ireland Civil Service 2017-18 (Department of Finance)

Organised Crime Task Force 2017-18 Annual Report and Threat Assessment (Department of Justice)

Ilex Annual Report and Accounts 2017/18 (The Executive Office)

Department of Education – Departmental Response to recommendations in the Northern Ireland Audit Office's Report 'The Financial Health of Schools' (Department of Education)

Middletown Centre for Autism Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2018 (Department of Education)

Commissioner for Public Appointments Northern Ireland Annual Report 2017-18 (Commissioner for Public Appointments Northern Ireland)

The Annual Report and Accounts of the Northern Ireland Practice and Education Council 1 April 2017 – 31 March 2018 (Northern Ireland Practice and Education Council)

The Annual Report and Accounts of the Northern Ireland Social Care Council April 2017 – March 2018 (Northern Ireland Social Care Council)

Protocol for the Care of the Government Historic Estate – Biennial Report for the Period 2015–2017 (Department for Communities)

Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs Departmental Response to the Northern Ireland Audit Office's Report: Eradicating Bovine TB in Northern Ireland (Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs)

The Executive Office Departmental Response to Recommendations in the Northern Ireland Audit Office's Report on the Social Investment Fund (The Executive Office)

Community Relations Council Pension Scheme Guarantee (The Executive Office)

Department of Health Departmental Response to Recommendations in the Northern Ireland Audit Office's Report – General Report on the Health and Social Care Sector (Department of Health)

Draft Strategy for Looked After Children: Improving Children's Lives – Post-consultation Update, January 2019 (Department of Health and Department of Education)

College of Agriculture, Food and Rural Enterprise Review of Higher Education Tuition Fees – Stakeholder Engagement (Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs)

Department for Communities Departmental Response to Recommendations in the Northern Ireland Audit Office's Report – Welfare Reforms in Northern Ireland (Department for Communities)

Principal Civil Service Pension Scheme (Amendment) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 2019 (Department of Finance)

Statistical Review of Northern Ireland Agriculture 2018 (Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs)

Department for Infrastructure Departmental Response to Recommendations in the Northern Ireland Audit Office's Report – Structural Maintenance of the Road Network (Department for Infrastructure)

Department of Health Departmental Response to recommendations in the Northern Ireland Audit Office's Report – Follow-up Reviews in the Health and Social Care Sector: Locum Doctors and Patient Safety (Department of Health)

Department for the Economy Minute 9 July 2019 under Guidance in relation to Managing Public Money Northern Ireland to inform the Northern Ireland Assembly of the Proposal to Provide a Pension Scheme Guarantee for Tourism Northern Ireland (Department for the Economy)

Department of Justice Departmental Response to Recommendations in the Northern Ireland Audit Office's Report – Mental Health in the Criminal Justice System (Department of Justice)

Department of Health Annual Report and Accounts 2018-19 – Correction Notice (Department of Health)

Department for Communities Minute on the Provision of a Guarantee to Northern Ireland Local Government Officers' Superannuation Committee in Respect of Sport NI's Pension Liabilities (Department for Communities)

Outcomes Delivery Plan 2018-19 End-Year Report (The Executive Office)

Protect Life 2 – A Strategy for Preventing Suicide and Self Harm in Northern Ireland 2019-2024 (Department of Health)

Organised Crime Force Annual Report and Threat Assessment 2018-19 (Department of Justice)

Mental Health Matters - The Annual Report of the Chief Medical Officer for Northern Ireland 2018-19 (Department of Health)

DfC Minute on the provision of a guarantee to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland in respect of any liabilities incurred as a result of the Madam Justice McBride judgement in respect of the Commission (Department for Communities)

Department of Finance Departmental Response to Recommendations in the Northern Ireland Audit Office's Report: Management of the NI Direct Strategic Partner Project – Helping to Deliver Digital Transformation (Department of Finance)

Review of the Northern Ireland Carrier Bag Levy (Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs)

Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner Strategic Plan 2019-2021 (Department of Justice)

Tourism Northern Ireland Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2019 (Department for the Economy)

Tourism Ireland Annual Report 2018 (Department for the Economy)

Statistics of Scientific Procedures on Living Animals, Northern Ireland 2018 (Department of Health)

Department for Communities Annual Report 2018-2019 on: Welfare Supplementary Payments; Discretionary Support; Standards of Advice and Assistance; and Sanctions (Department for Communities)

Child Maintenance Service Annual Report on Decision Making 1 April 2018 – 31 March 2019 (Department for Communities)

Registrar General Northern Ireland Annual Report 2018 (Department of Finance)

The Sports Council for Northern Ireland Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017 (Department for Communities)

The Commissioner for Children and Young People for Northern Ireland Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2019 (Department for Communities)

The Commissioner for Older People for Northern Ireland Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2019 (Department for Communities)

Libraries NI Annual Report and Accounts 2018-19 (Department for Communities)

Mental Capacity Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 – Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards Code of Practice, November 2019 (Department of Health)

Annual Report of the Lay Observer for Northern Ireland 2018/19 (Department of Finance)

The Safeguarding Board for Northern Ireland Annual Report 2018-2019 (Department of Health)

Special EU Programmes Body Annual Report and Accounts 2018 (Department of Finance)

InterTradeIreland Annual Report and Accounts 2018 (Department for the Economy)

Rural Needs Annual Monitoring Report 1 April 2018 – 31 March 2019 (Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs)

Strategic Investment Board Limited Annual Review and Financial Statements 2018-19 (The Executive Office)

Belfast Metropolitan College Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2019 (Department for the Economy)

Northern Regional College Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2019 (Department for the Economy)

North West Regional College Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2019 (Department for the Economy)

South Eastern Regional College Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2019 (Department for the Economy)

Southern Regional College Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2019 (Department for the Economy)

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(Department for the Economy)

Annual Report on Decision Making and Financial Accuracy 1 January to 31 December 2018
(Department for Communities)

Maze Long Kesh Development Corporation Annual Report and Accounts 2018/19 (The Executive Office)

Memorandum of Understanding Between DFI and DAERA with Regard to Drinking Water Quality
(Department for Infrastructure)

Food Safety Promotion Board (Seafood) Annual Report 2018 (Department of Health)

Correction to the Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner Strategic Plan 2019-2021 (laid 17 October 2019)
(Department of Justice)

Draft Social and Environmental Guidance for Water and Sewerage Services (2021-27) (Department for Infrastructure)

Northern Ireland Screen Commission Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2019
(Department for the Economy)

Department of Finance Minute 14th November 2019 under Section 8(1) of the Government Resources and Accounts Act (Northern Ireland) 2001, directing that accruing resources may be used for certain purposes for the year ended 31 March 2020 (Department of Finance)

Agri-food and Biosciences Institute Annual Report and Accounts 2018-2019
(Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs)

10. Agency Publications

Homelessness in Northern Ireland (Northern Ireland Audit Office)

Organised Crime Task Force 2017 Annual Report and Threat Assessment (Organised Crime Branch)

A Follow-Up Review of the Public Prosecution Service for Northern Ireland's Response to Strategic Inspection Recommendations Made Between 2013 and 2015 (Criminal Justice Inspection Northern Ireland)

Type 2 Diabetes Prevention and Care (Northern Ireland Audit Office)

Financial Auditing and Reporting: General Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland 2017 (Northern Ireland Audit Office)

Speeding up Justice: Avoidable Delay in the Criminal Justice System (Northern Ireland Audit Office)

Criminal Justice Inspection for Northern Ireland Business Plan 2018-19 (Criminal Justice Inspection for Northern Ireland)

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Follow up Reviews in the Health and Social Care Sector: Locum Doctors and Patient Safety (Northern Ireland Audit Office)

Prison Service Pay Review Body – Tenth Report on Northern Ireland, 2018 (Northern Ireland Prison Service)

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A Scheme of Fees and Charges to Recover the Costs of Processing Licence Applications under the Water Abstraction and Impoundment (Licensing) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 (Northern Ireland Environment Agency)

The Radioactive Substances (Fees and Charges) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 2019 (Northern Ireland Environment Agency)

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(Northern Ireland Public Services Ombudsman)

Criminal Justice Inspection Northern Ireland Business Plan for 2019-20 (Criminal Justice Inspection Northern Ireland)

Press Recognition Panel Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2019
(Press Recognition Panel)

Management of the NI Direct Strategic Partner Project – helping to deliver Digital Transformation
(Northern Ireland Audit Office)

Bedford Street Developments Limited Directors' Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2019
(Department for the Economy)

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(Department for the Economy)

Middleton Centre for Autism Limited Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2019
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Working Together for Safer Communities – A Review of Policing and Community Safety Partnerships in Northern Ireland, August 2019 (Criminal Justice Inspection Northern Ireland)

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USEL Annual Report and Accounts Year Ended 31 March 2019 (Ulster Supported Employment Limited)

An Inspection of Pre-Release Testing Arrangements within the Northern Ireland Prison Service, October 2019
(Criminal Justice Inspection Northern Ireland)

The Commissioner for Public Appointments Northern Ireland Annual Report 2018-19
(Commissioner for Public Appointments Northern Ireland)

Correction slip – Annual Report and Accounts of the Northern Ireland Practice and Education Council 1 April 2018 - 31 March 2019 (Northern Ireland Audit Office)

The Northern Ireland Community Relations Council Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2019
(Northern Ireland Community Relations Council)

Lawful Duty: Public Protection Inspection III: A Thematic Inspection of the Public Protection Arrangements Northern Ireland, October 2019 (Criminal Justice Inspection Northern Ireland)

Land and Property Services Trust Statement – Rate Levy Accruals Account Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2019 (Land and Property Services)

Waterways Ireland Annual Report and Accounts 2018 (Waterways Ireland)

Major Capital Projects (Northern Ireland Audit Office)

Victims and Survivors Service Ltd Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2019
(Victims and Survivors Service)

The Commission for Victims and Survivors Annual Report and Accounts 2018/19
(Commission for Victims and Survivors)

Northern Ireland Police Fund – Annual Report & Accounts 2018-19 (Northern Ireland Police Fund)

Loughs Agency Annual Report and Accounts for year ended 31 December 2018 (Loughs Agency)

2021 Census Northern Ireland Proposals, April 2019 (Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency)

2021 Census Proposal Information Event Presentation (Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency)

Prison Service Pay Review Body Eleventh Report on Northern Ireland 2019 (Northern Ireland Prison Service)

The Safety of Prisoners Held by the Northern Ireland Prison Service – A joint inspection by Criminal Justice Inspection Northern Ireland and the Regulation and Quality Improvement Authority
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11. Westminster Publications

12. Miscellaneous Publications

Historical Institutional Abuse Inquiry Report (HIA Inquiry)

The United Kingdom Sports Council Grant-in-Aid and Lottery Distribution Fund Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017 (Department for Communities)

Commission Investigation under Paragraph 10 of Schedule 9 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998: complaint against the former Lisburn City Council (now Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council) (Equality Commission)

Commission Investigation under paragraph 10 of Schedule 9 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998: complaint against the former Department for Social Development (now Department for Communities)

The Northern Ireland Community Relations Council Annual Report and Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2017 (Community Relations Council)

Gambling Commission Annual Report and Accounts 2016/17

International Fund for Ireland Annual Report and Accounts 2017 (International Fund for Ireland)

Department for Communities: the application of the Equality Scheme commitments for funding decisions on the Líofa Gaeltacht Bursary Scheme for 2017 and the Community Halls Pilot Programme (Equality Commission for Northern Ireland)

BBC Annual Report and Accounts 2017-18 (BBC Northern Ireland)

Gambling Commission Annual Report and Accounts 2017-18 (Gambling Commission)

United Kingdom Sports Council Grant-in-Aid and Lottery Distribution Fund Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2018 (UK Sport)

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Press Recognition Panel Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2018 (Press Recognition Panel)

Gambling Commission Annual Report and Accounts 2017-18 – Correction Slip (Gambling Commission)

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Correction slip – SR 2019/15 The Railways Infrastructure (Access, Management and Licensing of Railway Undertakings) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2019 (Department for Infrastructure)

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