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Northern Ireland Assembly, www.niassembly.gov.uk
Stratagem NI, www.stratagem-ni.com

Structure of the Assembly and Northern Ireland Executive



THE NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

The Northern Ireland Assembly is based in Parliament Buildings at Stormont in Belfast. The Assembly has the power to make decisions and pass laws about the following issues that affect Northern Ireland:

- agriculture;
- ancient monuments and historical buildings;
- culture;
- economic development;
- education and training; and
- environment;
- health and health services;
- housing;
- industry;
- local government;
- social services.
- sport and leisure;
- tourism;
- town and country planning;
- transport and roads;
- water and flood defence;

These issues are called transferred matters. Issues such as policing and criminal law are called reserved matters and the Assembly has to get permission from the UK Government to make decisions about these issues. Issues that are important to the UK as a whole such as defence and foreign policy are excepted matters. This means that they are the responsibility of the UK Parliament.

THE NORTHERN IRELAND EXECUTIVE

The Assembly gives executive power to an Executive Committee which makes many of the Assembly's day-to-day decisions. This committee is made up of the First Minister and deputy First Minister along with a minister for each of the 10 government departments. Two Junior Ministers assist the First and deputy First Ministers. Ministers are appointed to each of these positions using a system called the d'Hondt formula. The formula works out ministerial seats based on the number of MLAs a political party has in the Assembly.

The Executive Committee meets to discuss and agree on issues which cut across the responsibilities of two or more Ministers.

STATUTORY COMMITTEES

The Assembly has 17 Committees (11 statutory and 6 non-statutory). Each statutory committee has a Chair and a Deputy Chair allocated using the proportional d'Hondt System. Membership of Committees is in broad proportion to parties' electoral mandates in the Assembly ensuring that the opportunity of Committee places was available to all Members.

Each Committee has a scrutiny, policy development and consultation role in relation to its Department and a role in the initiation of legislation. They have the power to:

- Consider and advise on Departmental budgets and annual plans within the overall budget allocation;
- Approve relevant secondary legislation and undertake the Committee stage of relevant primary legislation;
- Call for persons and papers to advise and assist Northern Ireland Ministers in forming policy;
- Initiate enquiries and make reports;
- Consider and advise on matters referred to the Committee by its Minister.

For further information on the Assembly visit www.niassembly.gov.uk. To view the Assembly business diary and Committee agendas, visit www.niassembly.gov.uk/io/whats.htm



Northern Ireland Executive 2009



The Executive Ministers and private office contact details are as follows:

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Private Secretary: Claire Brown

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Private Secretary: Patricia McBride

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For more information on the assembly committees please visit www.niassembly.gov.uk/committees.
Other details are as follows:

STATUTORY COMMITTEES 2009

COMMITTEE FOR THE OFFICE OF FIRST MINISTER AND DEPUTY FIRST MINISTER

(Formerly Committee of the Centre)

Chair: Danny Kennedy (UUP)

Vice Chair: Naomi Long (Alliance)

Members: Martina Anderson (Sinn Féin), Tom Elliott (UUP), Barry McElduff (Sinn Féin), Francie Molloy (Sinn Féin), Stephen Moutray (DUP), Alex Attwood (SDLP), Jim Shannon (DUP), Jimmy Spratt (DUP), Ian McCrea (DUP)

Committee Clerk: Cathie White

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AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DARD)

Chair: Ian Paisley Jnr (DUP)

Vice Chair: Tom Elliott (UUP)

Members: Patsy McGlone (SDLP), Thomas Burns (SDLP), Edwin Poots (DUP), Trevor Clarke (DUP), Willie Clarke (Sinn Féin), Pat Doherty (Sinn Féin), William Irwin (DUP), Francie Molloy (Sinn Féin), George Savage (UUP)

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CULTURE, ARTS AND LEISURE (DCAL)

Chair: Barry McElduff (Sinn Féin)

Vice Chair: David McNarry (UUP)

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Committee Clerk: Kathryn Bell

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EDUCATION (DE)

Chair: Mervyn Storey (DUP)

Vice Chair: Dominic Bradley (SDLP)

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EMPLOYMENT AND LEARNING (DEL)

Chair: Sue Ramsey (Sinn Féin)

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ENTERPRISE, TRADE AND INVESTMENT (DETI)

Chair: Alban Magennis (SDLP)

Vice Chair: Jennifer McCann (Sinn Féin)

Members: Paul Butler (Sinn Féin), Leslie Cree (UUP), Simon Hamilton (DUP), Alasdair McDonnell (SDLP), Alan McFarland (UUP), Gerry McHugh (Independent), Sean Neeson (Alliance), Robin Newton (DUP), Jim Wells (DUP)

Committee Clerk: Jim McManus

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ENVIRONMENT (DoE)

Chair: Dolores Kelly (SDLP)

Vice Chair: Cathal Boylan (Sinn Féin)

Members: David McClarty (UUP), Trevor Clarke (DUP), David Ford (Alliance), John Dallat (SDLP), Roy Beggs (UUP), Ian McCrea (DUP), Daithi McKay (Sinn Féin), Alastair Ross (DUP), Peter Weir (DUP)

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FINANCE AND PERSONNEL (DFP)

Chair: Mitchel McLaughlin (Sinn Féin)

Vice Chair: Simon Hamilton (DUP)

Members: David McNarry (UUP), Stephen Farry (Alliance), Fra McCann (Sinn Féin), Jennifer McCann (Sinn Féin), Adrian McQuillan (DUP), Declan O'Loan (SDLP), Dawn Purvis (PUP), Ian Paisley jnr (DUP), Peter Weir (DUP)

Committee Clerk: Shane McAteer

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HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES AND PUBLIC SAFETY (DHSS&PS)

Chair: Jim Wells (DUP)

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Vice Chair: Mervyn Storey (DUP)

Members: Mickey Brady (Sinn Féin), Francie Brolly (Sinn Féin), Lord Browne (DUP), Raymond McCartney (Sinn Féin), David McClarty (UUP), Adrian McQuillan (DUP), Sean Neeson (Alliance), John Dallat (SDLP), Ken Robinson (UUP)

Clerk: Stella McArdle

Business Committee

Chair: William Hay (DUP)

Members: Billy Armstrong (UUP), PJ Bradley (SDLP), Paul Maskey (Sinn Féin), Kieran McCarthy (Alliance), Pat Ramsey (SDLP), Fred Cobain (UUP), Lord Morrow (DUP), Carál Ní Chuilín (Sinn Féin), Peter Weir MLA (North Down) (DUP)



Public Accounts Committee

Chair: Paul Maskey (Sinn Féin)

Vice Chair: Roy Beggs (UUP)

Members: Jonathan Craig (DUP), Patsy McGlone (SDLP), George Robinson (DUP), Jim Shannon (DUP), Trevor Lunn (Alliance), Declan O’Loan (SDLP), Mitchel McLaughlin (Sinn Féin), Dawn Purvis (PUP), Jim Wells (DUP)

Clerk: Alison Ross

Committee on Standards and Privileges

Chair: Carmel Hanna (SDLP)

Vice Chair: Willie Clarke (Sinn Féin)

Members: Allan Bresland (DUP), Francie Brolly (Sinn Féin), Robert Coulter (UUP), Jonathan Craig (DUP), David Hilditch (DUP), Paul Maskey (Sinn Féin), Alastair Ross (DUP), George Savage (UUP), Brian Wilson (Green)

Clerk: Paul Gill

Audit Committee

Chair: Robin Newton (DUP)

Vice Chair: Samuel Gardiner (UUP)

Members: Stephen Farry (Alliance), Paul Maskey (Sinn Féin), Tommy Gallagher (SDLP)

Clerk: Stella McArdle

Assembly and Executive Committee

Chair: Jimmy Spratt (DUP)

Vice Chair: Raymond McCartney (Sinn Féin)

Members: Alex Attwood (SDLP), Carmel Hanna (SDLP), Danny Kennedy (UUP), Nelson McCausland (DUP), Simon Hamilton (DUP); Alan McFarland (UUP), Alex Maskey (Sinn Féin), John O’Dowd (Sinn Féin), Ian Paisley jnr (DUP)

Clerk: Stephen Graham

ASSEMBLY RESEARCH TEAM

There is a team of over 40 reserachers based in the Assembly coving a full range of issues. The researchers play an important role researching topics for and in informing the committees. They also hold an extensive library so any information should be sent to the Library through the Head of Research.

Head of Research: John Power john.power@niassembly.gov.uk



Northern Ireland Assembly Members 2009

Northern Ireland is divided into 18 constituencies for the purposes of election to the Assembly - the same as those used for election of MPs to Westminster. Each constituency elects six representatives on a system of proportional representation. This differs from Westminster elections where each constituency sends a single member (MP) who is elected on a first past the post basis.

The 108 Assembly Members or MLAs for 2008 are detailed below. To contact any of the Assembly Members simply write to: Parliament Buildings, Stormont, BT4 3XX, tel: 028 9052 1333 or email: firstname.surname@niassembly.gov.uk. Often it is best to make first contact through the constituency offices and addresses for these can be found on: www.theyworkforyou.com.

ANTRIM EAST

Roy Beggs	UUP
Alastair Ross	DUP
David Hilditch	DUP
Sean Neeson	ALL
Ken Robinson	UUP
Sammy Wilson MP	DUP

ANTRIM NORTH

The Rev Robert Coulter	UUP
Daithi McKay	SF
Declan O'Loan	SDLP
Ian Paisley Jnr	DUP
The Rev Ian Paisley MP	DUP
Mervyn Storey	DUP

ANTRIM SOUTH

Thomas Burns	SDLP
Danny Kinahan	UUP
Trevor Clarke	DUP
David Ford	ALL (Leader)
Willie McCrea MP	DUP
Mitchel McLaughlin	SF

BELFAST EAST

Lord Browne	DUP
Sir Reg Empey	UUP (Leader)
Naomi Long	ALL
Robin Newton	DUP
Dawn Purvis	PUP (Leader)
Peter Robinson MP	DUP (Leader)

BELFAST NORTH

Fred Cobain	UUP
Nigel Dodds	MP DUP
Gerry Kelly	SF
Carál Ní Chuilín	SF
Alban Maginness	SDLP
Nelson McCausland	DUP

BELFAST SOUTH

Carmel Hanna	SDLP
Anna Lo	ALL
Alex Maskey	SF
Alasdair McDonnell MP	SDLP
Michael McGimpsey	UUP
Jimmy Spratt	DUP

BELFAST WEST

Gerry Adams MP	SF (Leader)
Alex Attwood	SDLP
Fra McCann	SF
Jennifer McCann	SF
Paul Maskey	SF
Sue Ramsey	SF

FERMANAGH/SOUTH TYRONE

Tom Elliott	UUP
Arlene Foster	DUP
Tommy Gallagher	SDLP
Michelle Gildernew MP	SF
Gerry McHugh	Independent
Lord Morrow	DUP



FOYLE

Martina Anderson	SF
Mary Bradley	SDLP
Mark Durkan MP	SDLP (Leader)
William Hay	DUP
Raymond McCartney	SF
Pat Ramsey	SDLP

LONDONDERRY EAST

Francie Brolly	SF
Gregory Campbell MP	DUP
John Dallat	SDLP
David McClarty	UUP
Adrian McQuillan	DUP
George Robinson	DUP

NEWRY AND ARMAGH

Cathal Boylan	SF
Dominic Bradley	SDLP
Micky Brady	SF
William Irwin	DUP
Danny Kennedy	UUP
Conor Murphy MP	SF

SOUTH DOWN

PJ Bradley	SDLP
Willie Clarke	SF
John McCallister	UUP
Margaret Ritchie	SDLP
Caitríona Ruane	SF
Jim Wells	DUP

UPPER BANN

Samuel Gardiner	UUP
Dolores Kelly	SDLP
Stephen Moutray	DUP
John O'Dowd	SF
George Savage	UUP
David Simpson MP	DUP

LAGAN VALLEY

Paul Butler	SF
Jonathan Craig	DUP
Jeffrey Donaldson MP	DUP
Trevor Lunn	ALL
Basil McCrea	UUP
Edwin Poots	DUP

MID-ULSTER

Billy Armstrong	UUP
Ian McCrea	DUP
Martin McGuinness	MP SF
Patsy McGlone	SDLP
Francie Molloy	SF
Michelle O'Neill	SF

NORTH DOWN

Leslie Cree	UUP
Alex Easton	DUP
Stephen Farry	ALL
Alan McFarland	UUP
Brian Wilson	GREEN
Peter Weir	DUP

STRANGFORD

Simon Hamilton	DUP
Kieran McCarthy	ALL
Michelle McIlveen	DUP
David McNarry	UUP
Iris Robinson MP	DUP
Jim Shannon	DUP

WEST TYRONE

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Minister of State – Baroness Farrington of Ribbleton
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NORTH-SOUTH MINISTERIAL COUNCIL AND BODIES

The North-South Ministerial Council (NSMC) comprises Ministers of the Northern Ireland Administration and the Irish Government working together to take forward co-operation between both parts of the island to mutual benefit. It has Joint North and South Secretaries and staff drawn from the civil service in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.

The Plenary meets to take an overview of co-operation on the island and of the North/South Institutions. The NSMC Sectoral Format meets to oversee 12 areas of co-operation. Six areas are overseen by means of existing bodies in each Jurisdiction separately: **Agriculture, Education, Environment, Health, Tourism and Transport.**

The other six areas are overseen by the North-South Implementation bodies. These are:

Waterways Ireland	028 6632 3004
The Food Safety Promotion Board (SafeFood)	0800 085 1683
The Trade and Business Development Body (InterTradeIreland)	028 3083 4100
The Special European Union Programmes Body (SEUPB)	028 9026 6660
The Foyle, Carlingford and Irish Lights Commission (FCILC)	028 7134 2100
The NorthSouth Language Body (known in Irish as Foras Teanga or in Ulster Scots as Tha Boord o Leid)	
Irish Language:	00 353 1 639 8400
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North-South Ministerial Council Joint Secretariat: 39 Abbey Street, Armagh, BT61 7EB
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BRITISH-IRISH COUNCIL AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCE

The British-Irish Council includes representatives from the Republic of Ireland, the United Kingdom, the devolved institutions in Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales and the Isle of Man, Jersey and Guernsey.

The Councils' work programme covers the following focal areas of mutual interest: Misuse of drugs, the Environment, the Knowledge Economy, Social Inclusion, Health, Tourism, Transport and Minority and lesser used languages.

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Northern Ireland Office 028 9044 3910
secretariat@british-irishcouncil.org www.british-irishcouncil.org

JOINT MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE ON DEVOLUTION

The Joint Ministerial Committee on Devolution was established in order that Ministers from the UK Government and their counterparts in Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland could exchange information and best practice in this area and take forward joint action.

CIVIC FORUM

The Civic Forum is a consultative body that was set up under the Good Friday Agreement. It had no formal legislative or governmental powers and consisted of 60 members plus a Chairperson. The Civic Forum is not currently sitting and is under review.

Civic Forum Secretariat: McKelvey House, 25 Wellington Place Belfast, BT1 6GD
Tel: 028 9027 7618 www.civicforumni.org

THE EQUALITY COMMISSION

The Equality Commission works to promote equality of opportunity across a range of areas. These include religion, political opinion, gender, race, age, marital status, sexual orientation, disability and those with and without dependants.

The Equality Commission: Equality House, 7-9 Shaftesbury Square, Belfast, BT2 7DP
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THE NORTHERN IRELAND HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

The Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission works vigorously and independently to ensure that the human rights of everyone in Northern Ireland are fully and firmly protected in law, policy and practice.

The Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission: Temple Court, 39 North Street, Belfast, BT1 1NA
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