

PROPOSED SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION:
REVISION OF THE PUBLIC USE OF THE
RECORDS (MANAGEMENT AND FEES)
RULES (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1996 –
SR 1996 NO 38

Analysis of Consultation Responses

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Introduction

Public consultation on the above proposed subordinate legislation was conducted by the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland [PRONI] and the exercise ran from 10th September 2008 to 2nd December 2008.

Full details of the consultation are attached in Annexes A, B and C.

In addition to publicising the consultation exercise at PRONI's premises, through the press and via the PRONI website, consultation materials were also sent to the list of consultees listed at Annex C.

Respondents were invited to comment on the proposals described in parts 4.1 to 4.5 (inclusive) of the consultation documentation. A reply slip containing a blank text box for written comments was provided with the documentation.

A total of 23 responses were received, comprising 20 from organisations and 3 from individuals.

The commentary below refers to all of the comments received and these are placed under the various headings used in the main consultation document. For ease of reference, the key points raised in the consultation document are reproduced, and the various responses received appear under them.

The small number of responses precludes any meaningful statistical analysis, hence the analysis is narrative in nature.

Key Findings

- No respondents indicated support for any option other than Option 4 [mixed pricing model].
- Continued free access for on-site visitors to research facilities and to view records for was seen as welcome.
- The need to revise search fees was uncontested, however views were mixed about the proposed levels of increase.
- Several respondents cautioned that the level of fees should not impede accessibility to services. One respondent suggested concessional rates for certain groups of user.
- Concerns were raised that exemptions for partners and related bodies were not mentioned.
- Free access to on-line access to catalogues and indexes was seen as essential.
- There was general agreement with the admittance related proposals, though one respondent felt that the use of personal computers should not be constrained.

Cost Recovery Policy

Points raised by PRONI

This current revision of charging aims to:

Closely link the level of fees charged to the direct cost of providing services in accordance with the requirements of the Department of Finance and Personnel's *Managing Public Money Northern Ireland* issued in June 2008.

Increase the level of cost recovery within PRONI.

The re-investment of income generated will lead to improved levels of service, the introduction of new products and further opening of PRONI's resources to both national and international users via the internet.

PRONI has been directed to increase its fees income, which in 2008/09 is expected to recover less than 1% of the organisation's running costs.

A range of proposed fees and charges is deliberately being set at a lower cost recovery level than would be necessary if all PRONI's direct and indirect costs were being passed on to customers. The organisation is aware that the process of seeking increased cost recovery must not destroy the balance of the existing market and should not work in opposition to its declared objective of encouraging increased access to the archives.

Options considered and sifted:

Option 1 – no change to current legislation

Option 2 – no charge for services

Option 3 – all fees based on full cost recovery

Option 4 – a mixed pricing model where partial subsidisation is considered beneficial for promoting the aims of the organisation, costs have been set accordingly. The prices to be charged for services are individually considered to see whether full cost recovery is feasible. This will allow PRONI: a) a degree of flexibility to increase its level of recovery in line with the current market, and b) to introduce higher levels of cost recovery for a number of specific services. This mixed pricing option is considered the best option.

Responses:

One respondent made several comments:

'Cost recovery policy – we concur and endorse this section as a role model for good practice in the public information sector'

'We note and endorse the 'lower cost recovery level' in relation to PRONI's objective of encouraging increased access to the archives.'

'We note and endorse this frank assessment [para 3.2] of the role of fees and charges, and the difficulties of establishing an effective balance between costs and expressed objective of increasing use of resources. Option 4 [mixed pricing model] is clearly the most acceptable'.

Another respondent felt that:

'The argument for implementing Option 4 – a mixed pricing model – seemed reasonable'.

Another respondent asked:

'What will the new percentage recovery of running costs be?'

And a further respondent commented:

'It is important the funds [from charging] are used for reinvestment into the development of the organisation.'

Key Proposed Changes to the Existing Legislation – Fee Related

4.1 Viewing of records on site

Point raised by PRONI:

It is important to note that on-site visitors undertaking their own research will continue to have access to the research facilities and to view the records free of charge.

Responses:

Three respondents commented directly on the above point and were in support:

'On-site visitors can contribute to view records free of charge – good'.

'It is important that PRONI continue to allow visitors to access archive collections on site free of charge'.

'4.1 [free viewing of records on- site] – we believe this is essential'.

Point raised by PRONI:

The Deputy Keeper's discretion to waive charges under Section 9(3) of the 1923 Act will remain.

Responses:

No comments were made on the above point.

4.2 Discontinued Charges

Point raised by PRONI:

The following table lists charges for goods and services that are proposed to be withdrawn or covered by the Search Fee

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This change is considered necessary to deal with requests under a range of 'Access to Information' legislation (such as the Freedom of Information Act and the Environmental Information Regulations) which allow authorities their own fee-setting arrangements. This is also permitted under the Public Records Act (Northern Ireland) 1923.

However, in line with the Northern Ireland Civil Service (NICS) policy there will be no charge for FoI requests relating to PRONI's own administrative records. This is similar to the current practice of The National Archives.

Responses:

Four general comments were received on the **importance of reviewing of fees**.

'The fees charged should never have been allowed to be 12 years out of date'.

'is necessary to bring them back into line with current costs.'

'establishment of a firm, modern schedule of fees and charges will be of value to users and set standards for public organisations in the field of information, archives and similar. We note the clarity of the charges, and the realistic appraisal of the value of services.'

'Can see the need for PRONI to increase charges for services'.

Six general comments were received on the **proposed levels of fees**:

'The council considers that the proposed changes to the existing legislation are appropriate and notes that they are deliberately being set at a lower cost recovery level than would be necessary if all PRONI's costs were being passed on to customers.'

'Search fees not rising very substantially – OK.'

'Proposed fee increases are considerable, especially in areas such as search fees.'

'Hope measures and cost implications are not the start of incremental increases.'

'It would appear that generally the prices are quite inflated and that they do appear not to be covering costs in all cases but actually subsidising costs'.

'We are disappointed in some of the proposed increases in charges. We realise that the fees and charges need to be updated, but in some areas the scale of the increase seems quite high'.

A further comment was made alluding to **openness and accountability in respect of fees**:

'One fee for all searchers – including legal requests – ensures PRONI operates an open and accountable service to all users'.

A further comment was made on **minimum charging**:

'whilst this is in line with National Archives London, a minimum charge must be established as is the case of National Archives Scotland. If the minimum charge is to be £60 per hour, this must be clearly stated'.

Three respondents mentioned the **linkage between fees and accessibility to services**:

'Primary concern is that access is not prohibited on the grounds of cost.'

'Whilst it is necessary to charges for various services it is important to ensure that charges do not become prohibitive for sections of the community.'

'Higher charges may prove prohibitive to these categories of users [unfunded researchers, students, OAPs etc.]'

One respondent suggested:

It would be beneficial if some categories of users can be charged a concessional rate so as not to dissuade them from legitimate use of the facilities. Such users could be unfunded researchers, students, OAPs, etc.

Another respondent mentioned **partnership and exemptions from fees**:

'We have some slight concern that exemptions for partners and related bodies are not included or mentioned.'

'We believe that co-operation between public bodies is to be encouraged and that charging structures should take account of this area'.

Another respondent added:

'Clarification is required from PRONI that no charge will be placed on Council for any advice/support that we may require'.

For another respondent, **free access to indexes and catalogues** was important:

'Free access to indexes and catalogues is essential and must continue'.

One respondent suggested **alignment of charges with other bodies**:

'Where similar reprographic services are provided to the public by DCAL-funded bodies, it is desirable that the fees charged should be in line with each other'.

Another respondent asked:

'I can fully understand the desire to update search fees of public records, but I should like to know whether or not there are any plans in place to ring-fence income from this for wider access (such as international web provision)?'

and

'Is it the case that some newly-raised public money could be used for other projects, and that the proposals within the document remain just that?'

and

'will your appendices' calculations reflect the recent reduction to the rate of VAT?'

One respondent noted that:

'A breakdown of overhead costs is required to ascertain how the overheads have been calculated at £4.60 per £1 of direct salary costs'.

4.4 New Charges

Point Raised by PRONI:

a) Officers' time – proposed key changes

Officers' time will be charged at an hourly fee and their travelling and subsistence expenses will be charged in accordance with NICS rates. Examples may include court appearances, speaking at conferences and television/radio presentations.

Responses:

'We note with interest the introduction of charges for officers' time and believe that this will establish practice in parts of the public sector. We would have some concerns that this would not include charging for time where benefits of promotion/marketing and similar intangibles have a high value.'

One respondent indicated concern in respect of **charges for speakers, paper costs, personal digital cameras and reproducing archival material in publications:**

'The cost of £15 for 15 minutes for speakers. As a charitable organisation our branches would find it difficult to pay for PRONI speakers, as this is more than double what we would pay as a speaker.'

'Paper cost of scanned documents.'

'The charge for use of personal digital cameras.'

'The commercial cost of using PRONI archival material in publications. Minimum charge £50. Again would this be the cost a charitable organisation would have to pay?'

Point Raised by PRONI:

b) Sub-contracted costs

Where PRONI subcontracts work to a third party contractor (for example duplication of microfilm) it is proposed that the charge to the customer will be the full sub-contractors cost plus an administration fee, based on the published staff hourly rate.

Responses:

One respondent commented on **charging based on staff hourly rates:**

'In the case of information which can only be reproduced by a third party contractor it would be recommended that a fixed administration fee be set as opposed to the administration fee being based on the published staff hourly rate (minimum charge £35.87 to £265.53 per hour) as this may take prices beyond some users.'

Point Raised by PRONI:

c) Friends of PRONI subscription scheme

For a relatively small annual fee members will receive regular updates and invitations to specialist seminars and talks.

Responses:

One respondent commented on the proposal of **levying a fee on 'Friends of PRONI'**:

We are surprised that a fee is under consideration for 'Friends of PRONI' since the value of 'Friends' in terms of support, potential bequests and 'audience' for events must surely outweigh any costs'.

d) On-line Access

Point Raised by PRONI:

PRONI has over 1.2 million visits a year on its website. This provides an opportunity to reach an increasing international customer base and to provide a range of new archival, fully searchable, indexes and catalogues through self-funding.

Responses:

No responses made regarding the above statement.

Point Raised by PRONI:

The associated access costs for images of documents are based upon current market rates of the National Archives in London and the National Archives of Scotland. There will be no charge for searching indexes and catalogues on-line. We are confident that this represents value for money for our on-line users.

Responses:

One respondent stated:

'Free access to indexes and catalogues is essential and must continue'.

Another respondent said:

'We endorse this section and believe that the free accessibility to on-line catalogues and indexes is crucial to all organisations in the public information/archive/resources sector'.

Other comments on new charges

One respondent made the points:

'Charges for new services, such as images provided electronically, are also necessary as users require access to records in various formats'.

'The introduction of charges for actual document images is now common practice across numerous national and local authority institutions'.

4.5 Key Proposed Changes to the Existing Legislation – Admittance Related

Points raised by PRONI:

New rules will be included to give a legal standing to procedures aimed at improving security and preventing inappropriate behaviours:

- Members of the Public will be required to sign out on departure;
- Mobile phones, personal sound systems, personal computers and digital cameras are added to the list of items not allowed in the public research area without prior permission;
- Members of the Public will be required to sign for the receipt and return of documents they have obtained.

Responses:

One respondent felt the proposed changes:

‘seem reasonable’

Another respondent noted the following:

‘The review of admittance rules is necessary.’

‘Use of mobile phones and digital cameras within archive rooms is a security risk, it disturbs others and also encourages inappropriate behaviour’.

Another respondent defended the use of personal computers:

‘We note the query and constraints on PCs used by the public. We believe that the use of the computer is now so standard that its use should not be constrained – although it would be reasonable to apply conditions of use to ensure security, copyright and similar issues.’

Miscellaneous comments

One respondent stated:

‘The proposed changes are fine’

Several points about working with PRONI were made by one respondent (an Education and Library Board):

'Local Studies Departments and PRONI have always had a close working relationship –developing joint projects, providing advice and information and copies of data to help with requests – at no charge.'

'Local Studies Departments have a history of publicising and promoting PRONI's work and services and referring clients to them.'

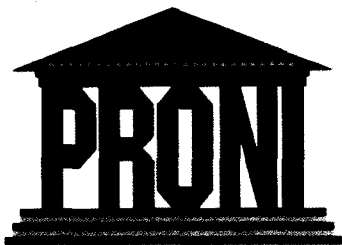
'Training has been provided to library staff by PRONI and speakers have attended Local Studies events – at no charge.'

'It would be hoped that PRONI would continue to view such activities as being of mutual benefit'.

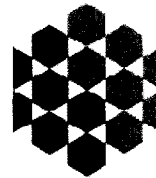
Conclusion

Overall the respondents to the consultation understood the need for the changes outlined in the proposed secondary legislation and the consultation has not revealed opposition to proposed mixed charging model.

Some of the specific charging proposals have, perhaps unsurprisingly, resulted in some concerns being aired, but in any exercise which seeks to impose or increase charges, such a response is inevitable. The key, of course, is to strike a balance between the requirements of the Managing Public Money directive and ensuring that services remain accessible to users, including those with limited means.



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PROPOSED SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION CONSULTATION PAPER

PUBLIC USE OF THE RECORDS (MANAGEMENT AND FEES) RULES (NORTHERN IRELAND)

***PUBLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE,
ARTS AND LEISURE***

1. INTRODUCTION

This consultation document is designed to seek your views on proposals by the Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure (the Department) to amend and update existing legislation relevant to the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI) – *the Public Use of the Records (Management and Fees) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1996 (SR 1996 No.38)*.

The consultation document provides consultees with background information on the proposed changes to the legislation and the supporting rationale.

1.1 How to Respond:

The Department welcomes your views on the proposals. Your response which must be received by 2nd December 2008 should be sent to the Response Co-ordinator at the address below:

Mrs Sandra Ireland,
Response Co-ordinator - Consultation Document,
Public Record Office of Northern Ireland
66 Balmoral Avenue,
Belfast, BT9 6NY

Phone: 028 90 255889
Fax: 028 90 255999

Responses may also be sent by e-mail to Sandra.Ireland@dcalni.gov.uk or via the appropriate link on the PRONI website www.proni.gov.uk/

Should you require this document in an accessible format such as Braille, audio-tape, large print or minority ethnic language, please contact the response co-ordinator.

1.2 Summary of Responses

The Department will usually publish a summary of responses following the completion of this consultation process. If you would prefer your response to be treated as confidential, please let us know, stating your reasons clearly. Any

automatic confidentiality disclaimer generated by your IT system will not be considered sufficient for treating your response with confidentiality.

If we are asked to disclose responses under Freedom of Information legislation, we will take any requests for confidentiality into account. However, confidentiality cannot be guaranteed.

We will handle appropriately any personal data you provide in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998.

For further information about confidentiality of responses, please contact the Information Commissioner's Office or see their website at:

www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk,

1.3 Timetable

The closing date for the consultation is 2nd December 2008. It is anticipated that the new legislation will be in place from 1st April 2009.

1.4 Equality considerations

The Department has undertaken an equality impact screening exercise and does not consider that this proposal impacts adversely on any of the nine designated equality categories as defined under Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998. A copy of the screening form can be issued on request.

1.5 Regulatory Impact Assessment

There is no evidence that this draft subordinate legislation will have a material impact on business, charities, social economy enterprises or the voluntary sector. In these circumstances a Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) is not deemed necessary.

2. BACKGROUND

The Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI) is a Division of the Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure. PRONI's primary 'establishing' legislation is the Public Records Act (Northern Ireland) 1923 – which permits the Minister, under Section 9, as Keeper of the Records to

- Set fees for services provided and
- Establish rules for the management of the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (including rules for the admittance of the public).

Historically, these issues were addressed by subordinate legislation – the current legislation being the *Public Use of the Records (Management and Fees) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1996* – SR 1996 No 38.

This consultation document sets out the proposals for a number of necessary changes to the existing subordinate legislation – covering both admittance rules and fees to be charged.

A review of the admittance rules applying to those using PRONI's on-site facilities is considered necessary to take account of new procedures and technology advancements, for example the use of mobile phones, personal sound systems, personal computers, digital cameras and Wi-Fi facilities. PRONI wishes to ensure that its users (a) do not disturb others through an inappropriate use of this technology or (b) compromise security.

In respect of the charging for goods and services the current approved fees date back to 1996 and require revision to bring them into line with current costs and to introduce appropriate charges for the introduction of new services. The organisation has been directed by the Minister and the Culture, Arts and Leisure (CAL) Committee of the Executive to seek opportunities to increase income levels. These additional funds will be retained for reinvestment into the development of the organisation.

In drafting the revised subordinate legislation, the Department considered the processes and policies of other national archival institutions

- The National Archives
- National Archives of Scotland

- National Archives of Ireland
- European Board of National Archivists

Informal consultation has also taken place with PRONI Forum members who represent a range of our users' interests.

3. COST RECOVERY POLICY

3.1 Objective

This current revision of charging aims to:

- closely link the level of fees charged to the direct cost of providing services in accordance with the requirements of the Department of Finance and Personnel's *Managing Public Money Northern Ireland* (MPMNI)¹ issued in June 2008.
- increase the level of cost recovery within PRONI.

The re-investment of income generated will lead to improved levels of service, the introduction of new products and further opening of PRONI's resources to both national and international users via the internet.

Chapter 6 of *Managing Public Money Northern Ireland* (MPMNI) states:-

"It is the Executive's policy to charge for many publicly provided goods and services. This approach helps allocate use of goods or services in a rational way because it prevents waste through excessive or badly targeted consumption..." (ref 6.1.1)

"The norm is to charge at full cost" (ref.6.1.2)

"If ministers decide on a financial target short of full cost recovery, there should be a plan to achieve full cost recovery within a reasonable period. If this is not intended, it is important to decide (and document) clearly why and how long any deliberate public subsidy should last".(ref 6.2.8)

As noted in section 2 above, PRONI has been directed to increase its fees income, which in 2008/09 is expected to recover less than 1% of the organisation's running costs.

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¹ www.aasdni.go.uk

being passed on to customers. The organisation is aware that the process of seeking increased cost recovery must not destroy the balance of the existing market and should not work in opposition to its declared objective of encouraging increased access to the archives.

Appendix A provides a list of existing and proposed services including:

- the proposed charging schedule
- where available, a comparison of the cost of similar services in The National Archives (TNA) and National Archives of Scotland (NAS).

Appendix A also lists the 100% cost recovery charge that would be required if all PRONI's direct costs and related overheads were to be recharged to customers.

All costs have been compiled using projections for the 2008/09 financial year and will be adjusted in the legislation by forecast inflation indices provided by the Office for National Statistics to cover 2010, 2011 and 2012.

3.2 Options considered and sifted

Option 1: No change to current legislation

This is not a feasible option as the current fees and charges are out of date and need to be updated in line with DFP guidance to cover a range of new services which PRONI wishes to introduce.

Option 2: No charge for services

The Department would have to meet the organisation's costs in full. Customers would not be contributing in any way to the cost of the resources they were using. This would ultimately lead to a reduction in the standard and choice of service offered to the public and delays in introducing new products and services.

This is not considered feasible in the medium to long term due to increased pressure on government finances and the direction given to the organisation by the Minister and CAL Committee.

Option 3: All fees based on full cost recovery

Based on the full costs associated with the administration, human resources, stationery and equipment required to provide the service, full cost recovery is a desirable option for the Department and for the Minister given that it would have the least draw on the public purse. However, it is recognised that if charges are set too high for the basic services it would have a negative impact on PRONI's objective to encourage increased access to the archives.

This option is not considered feasible at present.

Option 4: A mixed pricing model.

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This will allow PRONI:

- (a) a degree of flexibility to increase its level of recovery in line with the current market, and
- (b) to introduce higher levels of cost recovery for a number of specific services.

This mixed pricing approach is considered to be the best option.

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4.4 New charges

The following list provides details of the proposed key changes to PRONI services.

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Further details of other new charges are included in **Appendix A**.

4.5 KEY PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE EXISTING LEGISLATION - ADMITTANCE RELATED

New rules will be included to give a legal standing to procedures aimed at improving security and preventing inappropriate behaviours:

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A list of consultees is attached at Appendix B.

A reply slip is attached at Appendix C

Annex B

Cost proposals and comparisons		PRONI Existing Gross	PRONI Existing Net of VAT	2008-09 Base Year PRONI Proposed Gross	2008-09 Base Year PRONI Proposed Net of VAT	Charging Rationale	PRONI 100% cost recovery Net of VAT	Calculation	National Archives London	National Archives Scotland All Fees under Review
A	SEARCH FEES (requiring PRONI staff to do research) Search fee (to be charged per 15 minutes or part thereof). For example - Access to Information & legal requests	£13.30 per hour	£11.32	£60 (£15 / 15 min)	£51 per hour	Subsidised Costs 97% covered	per hour £52.45	Salary & related overheads	£51+ VAT = £60 gross or £15 / 15 min	Minimum charge £40.
B	OFFICER'S TIME PRONI staff time at courts / conferences etc Charge per hour or part thereof			£60 (£15 / 15 min)	£51 per hour	Subsidised (to market price) Costs 45% covered	per hour £113.77	Salary & related overheads	£420 per day approx £58 p.hr No VAT	N/A
C	REPROGRAPHIC FEES - PAPER <u>Paper copies of original documents</u> Regular A4 per sheet - Black & White Regular A3 per sheet - Black & White Regular A4 per sheet - Colour Regular A3 per sheet - Colour <u>Paper copies from existing microfilm (black & white)</u> Regular Copy per A3 sheet Regular Copy per A3 sheet self service <u>Paper copies of scanned documents (black & white)</u> A4 per sheet A3 per sheet	£0.30 £0.40 £0.95 £0.26 £0.34 £0.81 £0.26 £2.20 £2.20	£0.26 £0.34 £0.81 £0.26 £1.87 £1.87	£0.40 £0.40 £1.00 £0.30 £2.20 £2.20	£0.34 £0.34 £0.85 £0.26 £1.87 £1.87	Subsidised (to market price) Costs 19% covered Subsidised (to market price) Costs 19% covered Subsidised Costs 19% covered Subsidised (to market price) Costs 19% covered Subsidised Costs 35% covered Subsidised Costs 35% covered	£1.75 £1.75 £4.37 £1.91 £5.35 £5.35	Salary & related overheads Paper & Ink Salary & related overheads Paper & Ink Salary & related overheads Paper & Ink Salary & related overheads Payment card Paper & Ink Salary & related overheads Paper & Ink Salary & related overheads Paper & Ink	£0.40 £0.45 No VAT N/A £0.40 No VAT £0.25 No VAT Self service only per legislation £2.10 No VAT £2.80 No VAT	up to A3 minimum charge £5.00 Above A3 Minimum charge £15.00 N/A N/A N/A N/A

Regular A2 per sheet	£5.40	£4.60	£7.00	£5.96	Full cost	£5.96	Salary & related overheads Paper & Ink	£5.50 No VAT	N/A
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Libraries

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Assembly Business Office
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Dept of Education
Dept of Employment and Learning
Dept of Enterprise Trade and Development
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Dept of Finance and Personnel
Dept of Health, Social Services and Public Safety
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Belfast Institute for Further and Higher Education (BIFHE)
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Museums

Armagh County Museum
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Mid-Antrim Museum (Ballymena)
NI Museums Council
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Ulster Local History Trust
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Ulster Society

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Co-operation Ireland
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Creative Writers Network
Foras Na Gaeilge
NI Screen
Northern Ireland Tourist Board
Ulster Scots Academy

Distribution from the Machinery of Government Guidance Document

Executive Ministers and Junior Ministers
Leaders of parties in the Assembly
Other Northern Ireland parties not in the Assembly
Northern Ireland MPs and MEPs who are not party leaders or MLAs

Northern Ireland Assembly

The Speaker of the Assembly
Members of the Northern Ireland Assembly,(MLA) - Consultation document
forwarded through papers presented route
The Assembly Business Office
NI Assembly Library

Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister

Machinery of Government Division
Central Management Unit

Civic Forum**North/South Ministerial Council (NSMC)****Northern Ireland Office**

Devolution and Legislation Division
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HM Council of County Court Judges
Belfast Solicitors Association
School of Law (QUB)
Clerk of Petty Sessions, Laganside Courts
Law Centre (NI)
Northern Ireland Court Service
Northern Ireland Law Commission
NI Residents Magistrates'
NI Ombudsman
The General Consumer Council for Northern Ireland
NI Chamber of Commerce and Industry
NI Association of Citizens Advice
Food Standards Agency Northern Ireland
Civil Law Reform Division
Human Rights Commission
Equality Commission for NI
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