



# Westminster Programme 2011

The Northern Ireland Assembly and Business Trust (NIABT) works to forge links with, and promote the exchange of knowledge and information between local businesses and parliamentarians here and further afield in Westminster and Europe.

Westminster has responsibility for matters not yet devolved to the Northern Ireland Assembly. Such issues, commonly referred to as Reserved Matters, include responsibility for setting the national minimum wage and the administration of fiscal policy, all of which have relevance to the economy of Northern Ireland.

The Westminster Programme will provide attendees with a unique opportunity to gain an insight into the role of Westminster through a series of presentations and engagement with local MPs, lobby groups and representatives from the House of Lords.

The NIABT has been working with colleagues in Westminster to develop a comprehensive programme for NIABT business members and MLAs. The 2011 Westminster Programme will take place from 14 September to 15 September 2011.

For provisional details of the programme and how to register please see below.

## Agenda

Programme Outline (subject to change)

### Wednesday 14 September 2011

- Outward flight George Best Airport to London Gatwick
- Overview of Legislative process
- Overview of Committee process
- Prime Minister's Question Time
- NI Affairs Committee
- Dinner with members of NI Affairs Committee

### Thursday 15 September 2011

- Seminar on lobbying at Westminster
- Tour of Westminster
- Meeting with representatives from the House of Lords
- Return flight to George Best Airport

## How to apply

The 2011 Westminster programme will take place on 14 and 15 September 2011. To register your place on the Westminster Programme visit please email Ivor Gibson at

[niabt@niassembly.gov.uk](mailto:niabt@niassembly.gov.uk)

Please note **places are strictly limited** and registration is accepted on a first come first served basis. The deadline for registration is 1 August 2011.

The full cost of the programme is £250 per person, if registered prior to 1 July 2011. The cost of the programme may increase subject to flight and hotel prices if registered after this date. Costs are payable by 14 August 2011 to the NIABT at the address below.

The costs cover the price of flights, accommodation, lunch at the House of Commons, lunch at the House of Lords and dinner on Wednesday the 14th September.

Payment must be received by 14 August 2011. Payment can be made by cheque to the address below or by BACs to:

**Account Name:** NIABT

**Sort Code:** 95-01-28

**Account Number:** 111039111

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