



Northern Ireland Assembly and Business Trust

Consideration of European Issues

**Breakfast Briefing by the Northern Ireland Assembly
OFMDFM Committee Chairperson**



**Danny Kennedy MLA,
Chairperson of the OFMDFM
Committee, will present the
findings of the Committee's
Inquiry into Consideration of
EU Issues. There will be an
opportunity to ask questions
following the briefing.**

**This briefing will be of particular
interest to members who are
attending the European
Educational Programme, but is
open to all members of the Trust
and we would encourage
you to attend.**

**Private Dining Room,
Parliament Buildings, Stormont
Wednesday 27 January, 9.30-10.30
R.S.V.P. by Monday 25th January**

European Issues: A Background to the Briefing

In June 2008, the NI Assembly OFMDFM Committee undertook a fact-finding visit to the Office of the Northern Ireland Executive in Brussels. This prompted the Committee to consider how the Northern Ireland Assembly and the Executive engage with the European institutions and the best approach to take with this engagement.

The Terms of Reference for this consideration were as follows:

- To review the Northern Ireland Assembly's role in relation to European issues and to make recommendations to improve scrutiny of European policy and enhance engagement with European issues.
- To consider the Northern Ireland Executive's strategic approach to European issues, including in particular the Executive's response to the work of the Barroso Taskforce.
- To consider European policy issues which fall within the remit of the Committee for the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister.

The Committee has formally considered the Report on five separate occasions and a substantial portion of the Report has been agreed. The Report is now due for debate on Tuesday 26th January 2010 at the Assembly.

Danny Kennedy MLA has kindly agreed to give a presentation on the inquiry to the NIABT immediately after it has been debated at the Assembly and to respond to any questions regarding the Report at the breakfast briefing. This is a unique opportunity to obtain insight into the worthwhile work of the Assembly Committees at the earliest possible opportunity.

To register interest in attending this briefing, please forward your details to the NIABT at:

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