

CONSULTATION SCHEDULE – 28 February 2017

1	TITLE	RECEIVED FROM	SUBMISSION BY
	Consultation in proposed Legislation to protect access to healthcare for woman in Northern Ireland	Claire Bailey MLA	5 April 2017
	<p>The consultation comes as part of the South Belfast MLA’s proposal to introduce legislation to protect women’s rights to healthcare provision.</p> <p>Clare Bailey said: “I believe that everyone has access to healthcare in a safe manner and without fear or harassment.</p> <p>“It should be noted that this Private Members Bill will not seek to make any changes to the current legal status of abortion. However, I acknowledge that Northern Ireland’s citizens hold a wide range of opinions on the issue of abortion.</p> <p>“Families and individuals face intimidation as they visit sexual and reproductive healthcare services in Northern Ireland each and every day.</p> <p>“Legislation exists in other parts of the world to protect patients accessing healthcare. This proposed legislation seeks to protect women and their families as they make their way into and out of healthcare facilities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.greenpartyni.org/clare-bailey-consultation 		
2	TITLE	RECEIVED FROM	SUBMISSION BY
	Draft Equality Scheme for the Department of Finance	Department of Finance	10 April 2017
	<p>Under Schedule 9 paragraph 8 (3) of the NI Act 1998, the Department of Finance (DoF) is committed to carrying out a review of its Equality Scheme at five-year intervals. An initial consultation on the Department’s revised Equality Scheme was conducted in 2016 and the Scheme has been updated to reflect consultation responses. A further consultation on the proposed changes is now being held.</p>		

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3	TITLE	RECEIVED FROM	SUBMISSION BY
	Economy 2030 – A consultation on an industrial Strategy for Northern Ireland	Department for the Economy	25 April 2017
	<p>This consultation document sets out proposals to refocus the economic priorities up to 2030 and invites views on those proposals.</p> <p>The responses to this consultation, alongside the responses to consultation on the wider draft Programme for Government, will inform the development of a final Industrial Strategy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.economy-ni.gov.uk/consultations/industrial-strategy 		
4	TITLE	RECEIVED FROM	SUBMISSION BY
	Draft Equality Scheme and Action Plan	Choice Housing	5 May 2017
	<p>Choice Housing is consulting on their Equality Scheme and Action Plan. Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 requires public authorities including housing associations to have due regard to the need to promote equality of opportunity as outlined in the Act.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.choice-housing.org/media/2601/choice-equality-scheme.pdf 		
5 a	TITLES	RECEIVED FROM	SUBMISSION BY
	UK Airspace Policy: A Framework for Balanced Decisions on the Design and use of Airspace	Department for Transport	25 May 2017
5 b	Draft Airports National Policy Statement: New Runway Capacity and Infrastructure at airports in the South East of England		
	<p>The Department of Transport have advised of two major consultations recently launched. Members are invited to one of the conferences being held over the next two months. These events will enable members to hear about the consultations in more detail and provide opportunity to speak, and questions and further information.</p>		

	<p>The conferences are being held in Manchester, Birmingham, Leeds, Newcastle, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Liverpool, Cardiff, Newquay, Reading, Brighton and London. There is also one being held on 3 April 2017 in Waterfront Hall, Belfast</p>
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Registration can be found at www.aviationconsultations.com .

Reminder of Current Consultation Documents:

There are no current consultations open.

Note: Copies of the consultations can be obtained from Democratic Services