



**NORTHERN IRELAND
ASSEMBLY**

Committee for the Economy

Sinead McLaughlin MLA
Chairperson
Committee for The Executive Office
(Via email)

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Dear Sinead,

Re: Common Frameworks

At its meeting on the 26th January 2022, the Committee for the Economy considered your correspondence of 20th January 2022 regarding the Common Frameworks programme.

The Committee has outlined its intention to scrutinise the Common Frameworks it has received to date. Officials from the Department for the Economy will brief my Committee next week on Late Payment Policy and Company Law.

I will keep you updated on the progress of the 6 Common Frameworks that will be considered by the Committee for the Economy

Yours Sincerely,



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20 January 2022

Dear Caoimhe,

COMMON FRAMEWORKS PROGRAMME

At its meeting on 19 January 2022, the Committee for the Executive Office considered correspondence from the Northern Ireland Assembly EU Affairs Manager in relation to the current status of the Common Frameworks programme.

The UK Government and devolved administrations have agreed to aim to complete delivery of the Common Frameworks programme in March 2022, ahead of the pre-election period for the 2022 Northern Ireland Assembly elections. You may be aware there are 32 Common Frameworks relating to Northern Ireland, 18 of which are still to be provided to the relevant Assembly Committees for scrutiny.

There are 6 Common Frameworks to be considered by the Committee for Economy which can be seen below:

Committee	Common Framework	Status/documents received by Committee
AERA	Implementation of EU Emissions Trading System (ETS)	Awaiting provisional framework
AERA	Agricultural support	Awaiting provisional framework
AERA	Agriculture - fertiliser regulations	Awaiting provisional framework

AERA	Agriculture - organic farming	Awaiting provisional framework
AERA	Agriculture - Zootech	Awaiting provisional framework
AERA	Animal health and welfare	Awaiting provisional framework
AERA	Fisheries management & support	Awaiting provisional framework
AERA	Ozone depleting substances and Fgases	Awaiting provisional framework
AERA	Plant Health	Awaiting provisional framework
AERA	Plant varieties and seeds	Awaiting provisional framework
AERA	Resources and Waste	Awaiting provisional framework
AERA	Radioactive substances	Committee scrutiny stage
AERA	Air Quality	Awaiting provisional framework
AERA	Best available Techniques	Awaiting provisional framework
AERA/Economy	Chemicals and Pesticides	Awaiting provisional framework
Economy	Mutual Recognition of professional qualification (MRPQ)	Awaiting provisional framework
Economy	Services Directive	Awaiting provisional framework
Economy	Company law	Committee scrutiny stage
Economy	Specified quantities and packaged goods	Awaiting provisional framework
Economy	Late payment (commercial transactions)	Committee scrutiny stage
Finance	Public procurement	Committee scrutiny stage
Health	Organs, tissues and cells (apart from embryos and gametes)	Committee scrutiny stage
Health	Public health protection and health security	Committee scrutiny stage
Health	Blood Safety and Quality	Committee scrutiny stage
Health	Food Compositional Standards and Labelling	Awaiting provisional framework
Health	Food and feed safety and hygiene law	Committee scrutiny stage

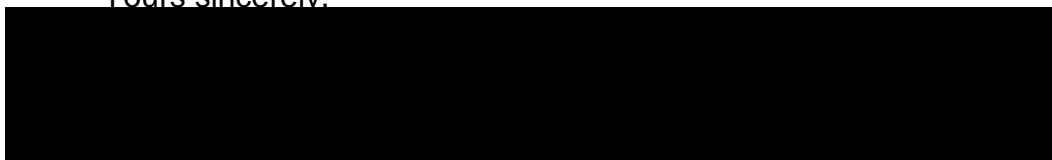
Health	Nutrition Labelling, Composition and Standards	Committee scrutiny stage
Infrastructure	Hazardous substances planning	Implemented
Infrastructure	Commercial Road Transport and Operator licensing	Committee scrutiny stage
Infrastructure	Rail technical standards (interoperability)	Committee scrutiny stage
Infrastructure	Driver licensing	Committee scrutiny stage
Infrastructure	Roads - Motor Insurance	Committee scrutiny stage

As the Executive Office has an overarching co-ordination role on EU Exit matters, the Committee agreed that I should write to all Statutory Committees for their views regarding their experience of the scrutiny of Common Frameworks. In particular, timing, quantity and quality of information received by you or the Department you scrutinise for any Common Frameworks received. A brief overview will suffice.

This information will be collated and sent to the Executive Office and the House of Lords Common Frameworks Committee to ensure that the relevant feedback from the Northern Ireland Assembly Statutory Committees is fed into the overall Common Frameworks process.

Given that the proposed deadline for completion of all Frameworks is March 2022 I would appreciate a response at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,



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