

# Written Ministerial Statement

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## The Executive Office

### DRAFT PROGRAMME FOR GOVERNMENT

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**Mrs Foster and Mr McGuinness (The First Minister and the deputy First Minister):** The Executive, at its meeting on 27 October, agreed the draft of a Programme for Government which it will issue for public consultation.

Government, first and foremost, must be about making people's lives better. The 'outcomes-based approach' is about setting real-world objectives on how policies make a difference – improve lives and enhance public services.

The draft reflects changes which we have made to the draft Framework which we published for public consultation on 27 May 2016. It is clear that people and organisations are on board with this ambitious new approach. We have built on that support and produced a more detailed document which clarifies our focus on outcomes and sets a clear and transparent basis for measuring progress towards those goals.

The consultation will commence at 9.30am on Friday 28 October and will close at 5pm on Friday 23 December. A copy of the consultation document will be available at:  
<https://www.northernireland.gov.uk/topics/work-executive/programme-government>

Let the message go out loud and clear that government here is a force for good.



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