



Northern Ireland
Assembly

Functioning of Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill
Notice of Withdrawal of Amendments tabled on
13 October 2020 for Consideration Stage

The following amendments tabled by Mr Jim Allister on 22 September 2020, have now been withdrawn:

New Clause

After clause 8 insert -

‘Record of being lobbied

8A.— (1) In the event of a minister or special adviser, other than as provided for in section 8, being lobbied in respect of official business, then, the minister or (as the case may be) special adviser must provide at the earliest opportunity a written record to the department of all such lobbying and the department must retain such records.

(2) In this section “being lobbied” means to receive personally a communication, either oral or written, on behalf of the person making the communication or another person or persons, relating to:

- (a) the development, adoption or modification of any proposal of the government to make or amend primary or subordinate legislation;
- (b) the development, adoption or modification of any other policy of the government;
- (c) the making, giving or issuing by the government of, or the taking of any other steps by the government in relation to,—
 - (i) any contract or other agreement,
 - (ii) any grant or other financial assistance, or
 - (iii) any licence or other authorisation; or
- (d) the exercise of any other function of the government.

(3) It does not matter whether the person to whom the communication is made, or the person making it, or both, are outside the United Kingdom when the communication is made.’

Mr Jim Allister

New Clause

After clause 11 insert -

‘Accountability to the Assembly: provision of information

11A.—(1) Ministers and their departments must provide to an Assembly committee such information as that committee may reasonably require in order to discharge its functions, being information which—

- (a) has been requested in writing; and
- (b) relates to the statutory functions exercisable by the minister or their department.’

Mr Jim Allister