ANNEX A

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Request

Between July and December 2025 please provide any meetings and briefings to the Minister related to the following people/matters, including any presentation material if that is applicable to any of the meetings:

Chancellor of Exchequer, Rt Hon Rachel Reeves
MP and Northern Ireland Executive, Deputy First
Minister, Emma Little-Pengelly MLA
Department for Infrastructure, Minister Liz Kimmins MLA, Department for Economy, Minister Caoimhe Archibald MLA, Department for Communities, Minister Gordon Lyons MLA and Chair Belfast City Region Place Partnership, Joe O'Neill.
Discussions about regenerating Belfast.
Discussions about regeneration of Derry, if any exist.
Social Change Initiative, Martin O'Brien and Padraic Quirk.

DoF response

I wish to confirm that the Department has now completed its search for the information which you requested on 11 December 2025.

I can confirm that the department holds the information requested, however some of this information has been withheld as it falls within one or more of the following exemptions:

Section 35(1)(a) – which exempts information from release if it relates to the formulation or development of government policy. Having considered all the information contained within the Public Interest Test (which we are providing as a separate attachment – **Annex F**), and

Section 28 – Which would prejudice relations within the UK, eg between NI Assembly and Westminster Parliament. Having considered all the information contained within the Public Interest Test (which we are providing as a separate attachment – **Annex G**)

Information for release has been attached at **Annexes D, D (1)** and **E**.

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S40(2) has been applied. This exempts personal information from disclosure if that information relates to someone other than the applicant and if disclosure of that information would contravene one of the data protection principles in the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) (or certain other provisions of the Data Protection Act 2018).

Having considered all the information contained within the Lawfulness, Fairness and Transparency Test (which we are providing as a separate attachment – **Annex C**, the department has established that, on balance, there is no lawful basis for the disclosure of third-party personal data falling within the scope of the request of which the requester is not the data subject

In reference to **Annex E**, this is an internal note of meeting and is not an agreed formal record of the meeting, in that respect it is not an entirely accurate or fully reflective record of the discussion.