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Register of Ministers' Interests

Under the terms of their Code of Conduct, Ministers must ensure that no conflict arises, or could be perceived to arise, between their public duties and their private interests, financial or otherwise, and must comply with rules concerning conflicts of interest; must not use information gained in the course of their service for personal gain; nor seek to use the opportunity of public service to promote their private interests.

Under section 9 of the Functioning of Government (Misc. Prov.) Act (NI) 2021, the Department of Finance has set out a scheme defining the categories of financial and other interests that are registrable, including gifts and hospitality. The Department of Finance is responsible under the legislation for establishing, maintaining and publishing a register of interests in respect of Ministers recording all such interests as are prescribed in that scheme. On appointment, all Ministers must inform the Permanent Secretary of the Department of Finance of their registrable interests, including those of their spouse, partner or close family members; and within 28 days of any change to those registrable interests, inform the Permanent Secretary of that change.

The Register published today contains relevant interests, declared in line with the requirements of the current scheme. Updates to the List will be published regularly, with dates included for when any changes to interests were notified and this information will also be published.

The information in this register was correct at 31 March 2026.

Neil Gibson
Permanent Secretary, Department of Finance
March 2026

LIST OF MINISTERS' RELEVANT INTERESTS

Michelle O'Neill MLA, First Minister

No relevant interests

Emma Little-Pengelly MLA, deputy First Minister

Charities	Member of National Trust and Historic Royal Palaces
Any other relevant interests	Member of Bar Library. Owed legal aid payments
Interests of spouse, partner, close family member or friend	Spouse is Chief Executive of the Education Authority Close family members are teachers Close family member impacted by WASPI Pensions issue (notified January 2026)

Joanne Bunting MLA, Junior Minister, TEO (notified October 2025)

Financial interests	Holds an ISA and Building Society bonds Joint owner of a property rented out
Public Appointments	Governor of Dundela Primary School and Nursery
Charities	Member of East Belfast Survivors of Suicide Member of National Trust and Historic Royal Palaces
Interests of spouse, partner, close family member or friend	Spouse is Chairman of Ulster Scots Agency and is a solicitor in receipt of legal aid payments and a member of the Law Society

Aisling Reilly MLA, Junior Minister, TEO

Public Appointments	Board member of Integrated Partnership Board
Interests of spouse, partner, close family member or friend	Partner is a Councillor on Belfast City Council Partner was appointed as a Belfast Harbour Commissioner on 1 August 2024

LIST OF MINISTERS' RELEVANT INTERESTS

Andrew Muir MLA, Minister of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs

Public Appointments	Member, Board of Governors, Rathmore Primary School, Bangor (notified May 2025)
Charities	Member of Ulster Architectural Heritage Society (notified May 2025) Bangor Pride Committee Member and Treasurer Member of Amnesty International
Any other relevant interests	Member of Friends of Columbanus, Bangor Member of North Down Cycling Club and North Down Athletic Club
Interests of spouse, partner, close family member or friend	Close family member is quality manager of A6 Dungiven to Drumahoe Dualling Project

Gordon Lyons MLA, Minister for Communities

No relevant interests

Caoimhe Archibald MLA, Minister for the Economy (notified February 2025)

Any other relevant interests	Member of Ballymena Causeway Credit Union and the National Trust Member of Eoghan Rua GAC, Coleraine (notified January 2026)
Interests of spouse, partner, close family member or friend	Close family members are Councillors on Causeway Coast and Glens Council

Liz Kimmins MLA, Minister for Infrastructure (notified March 2025)

Public Appointments	Rathore School Board of Governors
Any other relevant interests	Member of Thomas Davis GAC Newry

Paul Givan MLA, Minister of Education

Interests of spouse, partner, close family member or friend	Close family member is a teacher
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John O'Dowd MLA, Minister of Finance (notified February 2025)

Interests of spouse, partner, close family member or friend	Spouse is a Councillor on Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon Council
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LIST OF MINISTERS' RELEVANT INTERESTS

Mike Nesbitt MLA, Minister of Health

No relevant interests

Naomi Long MLA, Minister of Justice

Interests of spouse, partner, close family member or friend

Spouse is a Councillor on Belfast City Council

Spouse is a member of MDDUS (Medical and Dental Defence Union Scotland)