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Register of Ministers' and Special Advisers' Interests

Under the terms of the Ministerial Code of Conduct adopted by the Executive in March 2020, Ministers must ensure that no conflict arises, or could be perceived to arise, between a Minister's 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 and special advisers recording all such interests as are prescribed in that scheme.

On appointment, all Ministers and special advisers 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.

Colum Boyle

Permanent Secretary, Department of Finance

March 2022

LIST OF MINISTERS' RELEVANT INTERESTS

Rt Hon Arlene Foster MLA, First Minister (Jan 2020 – April 2021)

Financial Interests	Joint owner of a property in Lisnaskea
Charities	Hon. Vice President, Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association

Paul Givan MLA, First Minister (June 2021 – Feb 2022)

Public Appointments	Governor, Pond Park Primary School Governor, Ballymacash primary School Governor, Laurelhill Community College
Interests of spouse, partner, close family member or friend	Wife employed by the Southern Health Trust Sister employed by the Education Authority Father is a local councillor in Lisburn & Castlereagh
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Michelle O'Neill MLA, deputy First Minister

No relevant interests

Declan Kearney MLA, Junior Minister, TEO

No relevant interests

Gary Middleton MLA, Junior Minister, TEO (temporarily Feb – March 2021, appointed June 2021)

Charities	Steering group member of Life After, the Road Traffic Bereavement Group
Interests of spouse, partner, close family member or friend	Wife is employed by Reach Across which receives TEO funding

Edwin Poots MLA, Minister of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs

Shareholdings	Shareholdings in Iveagh Properties
Public Appointments	Governor, Carr Primary School
Charities	Governor, Meadow Bridge Primary School
Any other relevant interests	Owner of agricultural land at Crossan, Lisnastraen and Growell Small holding and cottage at Hillsborough, jointly owned with family member
Interests of spouse, partner, close family member or friend	Family members are active farmers and will be eligible for, and in receipt of farm payments. Wife and son are active farmers and in receipt of farm payments.

Deirdre Hargey MLA, Minister for Communities

Interests of spouse, partner, close family member or friend	Brother employed under Neighbourhood Renewal Programme Sister employed by Belfast City Council Sister employed by Department of Justice
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Caral Ni Chuilin MLA, Minister for Communities (temporarily from June – December 2020)

Charities	Member, Bobby Sands Trust
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Diane Dodds MLA, Minister for the Economy (Jan 2020 – June 2021)

Investment Property	Property rented out in Belfast
Interests of spouse, partner, close family member or friend	Husband is a member of the House of Lords

Paul Frew MLA, Minister for the Economy (June – July 2021)

Investment property	Owns property in Causeway Coast & Glens Area, registered with Tourism Northern Ireland
Interests of spouse, partner, close family member or friend	Son is a student at Ulster University Son is an apprentice and a student at Belfast Met/Ulster University. Member of the Institute of Civil Engineers Daughter is a student at Northern Regional College Wife is a Councillor in Mid & East Antrim Borough Council, and member of MEA LAG, Peace IV
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Gordon Lyons MLA, Junior Minister, TEO; Minister of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (Feb – March 2021); Minister for the Economy (from July 2021)

Interests of spouse, partner, close family member or friend	Family members are active farmers and will be eligible for, and in receipt of farm payments. Father is an active farmer and in receipt of farm payments.
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Peter Weir MLA, Minister for Education (Jan 2020 – June 2021)

No relevant interests

Michelle McIlveen MLA, Minister of Education (from June 2021)

Investment Property	Owns property in Belfast and Newtownards
Interests of spouse, partner, close family member or friend	Brother is a Councillor in Ards & North Down Borough Council
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Conor Murphy MLA, Minister of Finance

Any other relevant interests	Part ownership of a small family farm
Interests of spouse, partner, close family member or friend	Wife employed by the Education Authority Son employed by the Education Authority Brother employed by Southern Health Trust

Robin Swann MLA, Minister of Health

Interests of spouse, partner, close family member or friend	Wife employed by the Northern Trust Father in Law employed by the Northern Trust
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Nichola Mallon MLA, Minister for Infrastructure

Investment Property	Owens property in Co Antrim
Interests of spouse, partner, close family member or friend	Husband is employed by MW Advocate

Naomi Long MLA, Minister of Justice

Interests of spouse, partner, close family member or friend	Husband is a member of Belfast City Council
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LIST OF SPECIAL ADVISERS' RELEVANT INTERESTS

Emma Little Pengelly, the Executive Office (up until June 2021)

Barrister (non-practising), member of the Inns of Court NI
Husband is Permanent Secretary at the Department of Health

Richard Bullick, the Executive Office (from July 2021)

No relevant interests

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John Loughran, the Executive Office

School Governor at Edmund Rice College, Glengormley

Stephen McGlade, the Executive Office

Member of Unison

Member of Queens Graduate Association

Member of the Centre for European Law, Trinity College

Member of the Committee on the Administration of Justice

Dara O'Hagan, the Executive Office

No relevant interests

Philip Weir, the Executive Office

Medical Practitioner registered with the General Medical Council

Wife works as a General Practitioner and employee of the South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust

Income from small farm holding

Michelle Canning, the Executive Office (Nov 2020 – Jan 2021)

Partner works with Queens University, Belfast

Immediately prior to appointment as Special Adviser was acting Head of Corporate Communications for the Housing Executive

Co-founder of Women in PR

Lee Reynolds, the Executive Office (Nov 2020 – June 2021)

Board member of Arts for All

Sister is Chief Executive of Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

Kim Ashton, the Executive Office (Feb – May 2020)

Employed by Agri-health NI Ltd immediately prior to being appointed as a Special Adviser

Secretary, Crilly Cultural and Youth Group

Councillor, Mid Ulster District Council

Mark Beattie, Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs

Member of the National Trust

Member of Glenarm Estate

Member of the Greenmount Association (CAFRE)

Father is a farmer and in receipt of farm payments from DAERA

Relatives and close connections who work in the agri-food sector, including but not limited to primary production and agri-technology

Ronan McGinley, Department for Communities

Member, Board of Governors for St Patricks Primary School, Ardboe

Vice Chair, Ardboe Community Projects

Non-playing member of Ardboe GAC

Former Councillor, Mid Ulster District Council

Employed by Start 360 and Board Member Bid 2 immediately prior to appointment as a Special Adviser

Alistair Ross, Department for the Economy

Immediately prior to appointment as a Special Adviser I provided consultancy services to Weber Shandwick, was a UK Electoral Commissioner and was on the Probation Board for N Ireland

Peter Martin, Department of Education

On a career break from Belfast Metropolitan College

Three children attend primary school

Former Councillor, Ards & North Down Borough Council

Steering Committee member, Polish Heritage Flight

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Eoin Rooney, Department of Finance

No relevant interests

Mark Ovens, Department of Health

No relevant interests

Tanya McCamphill, Department for Infrastructure

No relevant interests

Claire Johnson, Department of Justice

Member of the Committee on the Administration of Justice

Partner's father is Chair of the Probation Board

Patricia O'Lynn, Department of Justice (April – Aug 2021, Maternity Cover)

Councillor, Mid & East Antrim Borough Council

Scholar, Cumberland Lodge

Owner, IOD Ruption Ltd

Mother is a social worker employed by the Northern Health and Social Care Trust

Formerly employed by Extern

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