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# **Scheme defining the categories of financial and other interests that are registrable by Ministers and Special Advisers, including gifts and hospitality**

This Scheme is made under s.9 of the Functioning of Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (NI) 2021.

1. Ministers will declare and, where relevant to their role as Minister, will have registered:

- a. Financial interests (both assets and liabilities)
- b. The status of their tax affairs
- c. Any directorships
- d. Any shareholdings or share options in individual companies
- e. Any property they own which is rented or leased out
- f. Any property they are renting or leasing from another person on preferential terms
- g. Any public appointments
- h. Any links with charities as a patron, trustee or member
- i. Any other private interests which might reasonably be perceived as relevant to their Ministerial responsibilities
- j. Any particular interests in their constituency which are directly relevant to their responsibilities as a Minister
- k. Any interests held by their spouse, partner, close family member or close friend in any of the above categories, which might reasonably be perceived as relevant to their Ministerial responsibilities
- l. All gifts and hospitality offered to them in their capacity as Ministers, with the exception of
  - (i) conventional hospitality during the working day
  - (ii) modest seasonal or promotional gifts with a value of less than £50.

2. Special Advisers will declare and will have registered:

- a. Membership/Directorship/Employment in any company or organisation which conducts business with the Department in which they are working
- b. Ownership or part ownership in any business which conducts or is likely to conduct business with the Department
- c. Any other interest which might reasonably be considered to influence their judgement, or which might affect their ability to act impartially, on matters which they are likely to be involved in as a member of the Department

- d. Any interests held by their spouse, partner, close family member or close friend in any of the above categories, which might reasonably be perceived as relevant to their responsibilities
  - e. all gifts and hospitality offered to them in their capacity as special advisers, with the exception of
    - (i) conventional hospitality during the working day
    - (ii) modest seasonal or promotional gifts with a value of less than £50.
3. Two people are partners if they are civil partners of each other, or they are not married to, or civil partners of, each other but are living together as if spouses of each other.
4. A close family member is a parent, or parent-in-law; a child; a whole-blood sibling; or the spouse or civil partner of a child or whole-blood sibling.