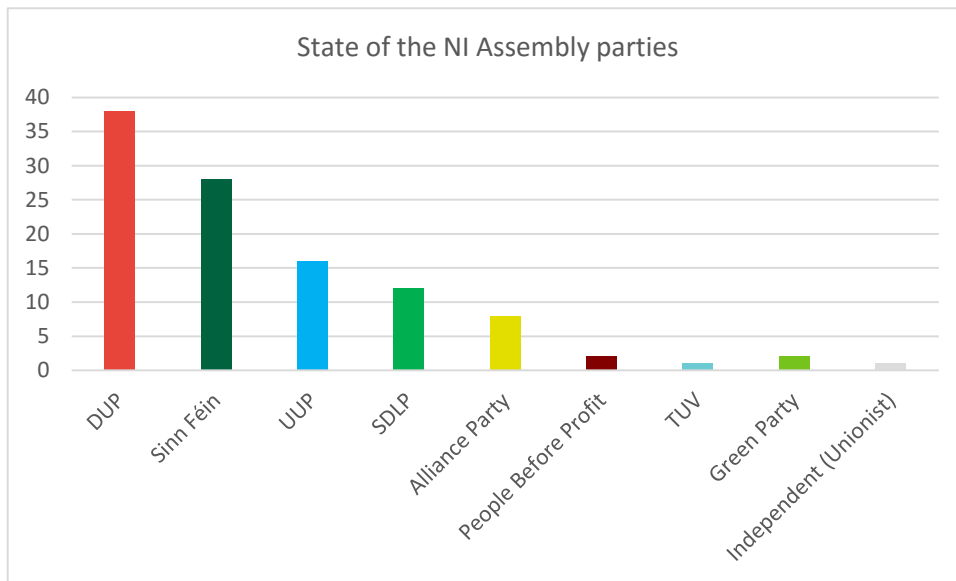


**STATE OF THE PARTIES**






1. To a large extent, the 2016 Assembly election was a case of ‘as you were’. The DUP and Sinn Féin were returned as the two largest parties, and further cemented their positions as the dominant players within unionism and nationalism respectively. The UUP and Alliance Party didn’t live up to pre-election expectations – failing to increase the number of seats they won in 2011 – while the SDLP had a disappointing cycle and lost two seats (Deputy Leader Fearghal McKinney and senior party figure Dolores Kelly).



Party	2011 Assembly seats	2016 Assembly seats	+/-
DUP	38	38	0
Sinn Féin	29	28	-1
UUP	16	16	0
SDLP	14	12	-2
Alliance Party	8	8	0
People Before Profit	0	2	+2
TUV	1	1	0
Green Party	1	2	+1
Independent (Unionist)	1	1	0

**NORTHERN IRELAND EXECUTIVE**

2. The D’Hondt system was run on 25 May 2016, resulting in the following Ministerial appointments:

Department	Minister(s)	Staff
 <p><b>Telephone</b> 028 9052 8400</p> <p><b>Responsibilities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social change</li> <li>• Strategic investment and regeneration</li> <li>• Co-operation (e.g. European policy, North/South)</li> <li>• Equality and good relations</li> <li>• Making government work (e.g. PfG, Budgets)</li> <li>• Promoting Northern Ireland (e.g. trade missions)</li> <li>• Statistics and research</li> <li>• Honours</li> </ul>	 <p><b>Arlene Foster (FM)</b> (DUP, Fermanagh &amp; South Tyrone)</p>	<p><b>Malcolm McKibbin</b> Permanent Secretary</p>
	 <p><b>Martin McGuinness (deputy FM)</b> (Sinn Féin, Foyle)</p>	<p><b>Stephen Grimson</b> Director - Executive Information Service, British/Irish/International Relations, Executive Support and North South Ministerial Council</p>
	 <p><b>Alastair Ross (Junior Minister)</b> (DUP, East Antrim)</p>	<p><b>Mark Browne</b> Director - Strategic Policy, Finance, Equality and Good Relations</p>
	 <p><b>Megan Fearon (Junior Minister)</b> (Sinn Féin, Newry &amp; Armagh)</p>	



Department of  
**Agriculture, Environment  
and Rural Affairs**

**Telephone**

0300 200 7850

**Responsibilities**

- Waste
- Pollution
- Biodiversity
- Marine
- Countryside management
- Education and research
- Food
- Grants and funding
- Plant and tree health
- Statistics
- Rural development
- Livestock farming
- Forestry
- Fisheries
- Crops and horticulture
- Animal health and welfare
- Environmental protection
- Land and landscapes
- Angling
- Water



**Michelle McIlveen**  
(DUP, Strangford)

**Noel Lavery**

Permanent Secretary

**Robert Huey**

Chief Veterinary Officer -  
Veterinary Services and Animal  
Health Group

**David Small**

Deputy Secretary - Environment,  
Fisheries and Marine Group

Chief Executive, NI Environment  
Agency

**Louise Warde-Hunter**

Head of Central Services and  
Rural Affairs Group



**Telephone**

028 9082 9000

**Responsibilities**

- Housing
- Urban regeneration
- Sport
- Benefits and pensions
- Finding employment
- Arts and culture
- Museums and libraries
- Support for children
- Historic environment (e.g. built heritage)
- Voluntary and community policy
- Language policy
- Local government
- Public Record Office



**Paul Givan**  
(DUP, Lagan Valley)

**Leo O'Reilly**  
Permanent Secretary

**Andrew Hamilton**  
Deputy Secretary - Strategic Policy and Resources Group

**Tracy Meharg**  
Deputy Secretary - Community and Regeneration Housing

**Ian Maye**  
Deputy Secretary - Community Cohesion, Culture and Sport

**Tommy O'Reilly**  
Deputy Secretary - Working Age

**Denis McMahan**  
Deputy Secretary - Social Inclusion



**Telephone**

028 9025 7777

**Responsibilities**

- Economic policy (e.g. economic strategy, regulation, access to finances)
- Energy
- Higher education
- Further education
- Consumer affairs
- Telecoms
- Insolvency service
- Credit unions/societies
- Minerals and petroleum
- Tourism
- European Fund management
- Employment rights
- Employment and skills programmes (e.g. apprenticeships)



**Simon Hamilton**  
(DUP, Strangford)





**Andrew McCormick**  
Permanent Secretary

**Derek Baker**  
Deputy Secretary - Strategic Policy Group

**Eugene Rooney**  
Deputy Secretary - Operational Policy Group

**Chris Stewart**  
Deputy Secretary - Economic Infrastructure and Regulation Group

**Heather Cousins**  
Deputy Secretary - Corporate Services Group

 <p><b>Department of Education</b></p> <p><b>Telephone</b> 028 9127 9279</p> <p><b>Responsibilities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Curriculum and learning</li> <li>• Teaching staff</li> <li>• Schools and infrastructure</li> <li>• Pupils and parents</li> <li>• Non-teaching staff</li> <li>• Support and development</li> </ul>	 <p><b>Peter Weir</b> (DUP, North Down)</p>	<p><b>Paul Sweeney</b> Permanent Secretary</p> <p><b>Katrina Godfrey</b> Deputy Secretary - Education &amp; Children's Services Policy</p> <p><b>Fiona Hepper</b> Deputy Secretary - Resources, Reform and Infrastructure</p> <p><b>John Smith</b> Deputy Secretary - Strule Shared Education Campus</p> <p><b>Noelle Buick</b> Chief Inspector - Education &amp; Training Inspectorate</p>
 <p><b>Department of Finance</b></p> <p><b>Telephone</b> 028 9185 8111</p> <p><b>Responsibilities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finance (e.g. NI budget, public finances)</li> <li>• Procurement</li> <li>• Property rating</li> <li>• Land registration</li> <li>• Building regulations (incl. energy efficiency)</li> <li>• NI Civil Service</li> <li>• Property valuation</li> <li>• Mapping</li> <li>• Civil law reform</li> <li>• Public sector reform</li> </ul>	 <p><b>Máirtín Ó Muilleoir</b> (Sinn Fein, South Belfast)</p>	<p><b>David Sterling</b> Permanent Secretary</p> <p><b>Brigitte Worth</b> Finance Director</p> <p><b>Michael Brennan</b> Head of Public Expenditure Directorate</p> <p><b>Colin Sullivan</b> Director of Strategic Policy and Reform</p> <p><b>Anne Breen</b> Director of Human Resources and Corporate Services</p>



# Department of Health

**Telephone**

028 9052 0500

**Responsibilities**

- Health policy
- Public health policy
- Pharmacy
- Mental health and learning disabilities
- Nursing and allied health professionals
- Records management
- Dentistry
- Finance and procurement
- Health workforce policy and management
- Governance in HSC
- Safety and quality standards
- Social services



**Michelle O'Neill**  
(Sinn Féin, Mid Ulster)

**Richard Pengelly**  
Permanent Secretary

**Michael McBride**  
Chief Medical Officer

**Charlotte Ardle**  
Chief Nursing Officer

**Mark Timoney**  
Chief Pharmaceutical Officer

**Deborah McNeilly**  
Deputy Secretary - Healthcare Policy

**Julie Thompson**  
Deputy Secretary - Resources and Performance Management

**Sean Holland**  
Deputy Secretary - Social Policy



# Department for Infrastructure

**Telephone**

028 9054 0540

**Responsibilities**

- Roads/road improvement
- Transport initiatives
- Public transport
- Waterways
- Sustainable transport policy
- TransportNI procurement
- Road users (e.g. road safety, licensing)
- Water and sewerage services
- Rivers and flooding
- Planning
- Regional development
- Ports





**Chris Hazzard MLA**  
(Sinn Féin, South Down)

**Peter May**  
Permanent Secretary

**Fiona McCandless**  
Deputy Secretary, Planning, Water and Driver & Vehicle Agency

**John McGrath**  
Deputy Secretary, Transport and Resources

**Andrew Murray**  
Deputy Secretary, Road and Rivers

 <p><b>Department of Justice</b></p> <p><b>Telephone</b> 028 9076 3000</p> <p><b>Responsibilities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Justice and the law</li> <li>• Prisons</li> <li>• Forensic science</li> <li>• Legal aid</li> <li>• Youth justice</li> <li>• Policing and community safety</li> </ul>	 <p><b>Claire Sugden MLA</b> (Independent Unionist, East Londonderry)</p>	<p><b>Carol Ramsey</b> Director of Strategic Planning</p>
		<p><b>Angus Kerr</b> Director of Planning Policy</p>
		<p><b>Nick Perry</b> Permanent Secretary</p>
		<p><b>Lianne Patterson</b> Director of Justice Delivery</p>
		<p><b>David Lavery</b> Director of Access to Justice</p>
		<p><b>Anthony Harbinson</b> Director of Safer Communities</p>
		<p><b>Sue McAllister</b> Director General of Northern Ireland Prison Service</p>

3. The Private Secretaries and Special Advisers to the Ministers have yet to be confirmed.
4. Both the UUP and SDLP declined to take the Executive Ministry they were respectively entitled to, opting to form an Official Opposition in the Assembly instead.
5. The Alliance Party, while not automatically entitled to an Executive portfolio after only returning 8 MLAs in the Assembly election, were originally offered the Justice Department. The party declined the offer when a list of policy demands it attached to its decision weren't met by the DUP and Sinn Féin.

## ASSEMBLY COMMITTEES

6. On 25 May, D'hondt was used to allocate Assembly Committee Chair and Deputy Chair positions.

Committee	Chair	Deputy Chair	Clerk
Executive Office	Mike Nesbitt (UUP, Strangford)	Sandra Overend (UUP, Mid Ulster)	Katy O'Hanlon 028 9052 0302
Health	Paula Bradley (DUP, North Belfast)	Gary Middleton (DUP, Foyle)	Ellis Haughey 028 9052 0348
Economy	Conor Murphy (Sinn Féin, Newry & Armagh)	Stephen Aiken (UUP, South Antrim)	Peter Hall 028 9052 1799
Finance	Emma Pengelly (DUP, South Belfast)	Claire Hanna (SDLP, South Belfast)	Jim McManus 028 9052 1230
Infrastructure	William Humphrey (DUP, North Belfast)	William Irwin (DUP, Newry & Armagh)	Cathie White 028 9052 1448
Communities	Colum Eastwood (SDLP, Foyle)	Michelle Gildernew (Sinn Féin, Fermanagh & South Tyrone)	Kevin Pelan 028 9052 1864
Education	Barry McElduff (Sinn Féin, West Tyrone)	Chris Lyttle (Alliance Party, East Belfast)	Peter McCallion 028 9052 1821
Agriculture, Environment & Rural Affairs	Linda Dillon (Sinn Féin, Mid Ulster)	Caoimhe Archibald (Sinn Féin, East Londonderry)	Stella McCardle 028 9052 1475
Justice	Paul Frew (DUP, North Antrim)	Pam Cameron (DUP, South Antrim)	Christine Darrah 028 9052 1629
Public Accounts	Robin Swann (UUP, North Antrim)	Daniel McCrossan (SDLP, West Tyrone)	Lucia Wilson 028 9052 1208
Assembly and Executive Review	Christopher Stalford (DUP, South Belfast)	Michaela Boyle (Sinn Féin, West Tyrone)	Shane McAteer 028 9052 1735
Audit	Declan McAleer (Sinn Féin, West Tyrone)	Kellie Armstrong (Alliance, Strangford)	Shane McAteer 028 9052 1843
Business	Robin Newton (DUP, East Belfast)	-	Alex McGarel 028 9052 1534
Standards and Privileges	Cathal Boylan (Sinn Féin, Newry and Armagh)	Adrian McQuillan (DUP, East Londonderry)	Shane McAteer 028 9052 1843
Procedures	Gordon Lyons (DUP, East Antrim)	Edwin Poots (DUP, Lagan Valley)	Alison Ross 028 9052 1436