



NORTHERN IRELAND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the 1st Meeting, held at 10:30am on Wednesday, 20 May 2026

Present: Lord Carlile of Berriew
Lord Dodds of Duncairn
Lord Elliott of Ballinamallard
Baroness Foster of Aghadrumsee
Baroness Goudie
Baroness Ludford
Baroness O'Loan
Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick
Baroness Sanderson of Welton
Lord Thomas of Gresford

Adviser in attendance: Mr Tim Mitchell (Counsel for European Law)

1. Apologies and notices

Apologies were received from Lord Hain and Lord Lexden.

2. UK Supreme Court *Dillon* judgment

The Committee *considered* a legal analysis by the Counsel for European Law on the UK Supreme Court judgment in the *Dillon* case on 7 May 2026.

3. New inquiry on Article 2 of the Protocol/Windsor Framework

The Committee *considered* a scoping note for its new inquiry and suggested amendments. A revised scoping note will be prepared for discussion and agreement at the Committee's next meeting on 3 June.

The Committee *agreed* the draft call for written evidence, *with amendments*.

4. Scrutiny of domestic legislation relevant to the Windsor Framework: Draft Chemicals (Health and Safety) (Amendment, Consequential and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2026

The Committee *agreed* the draft letter to the Minister.

5. Additional correspondence received: US administration imposition of global reciprocal tariffs: Implications for the Windsor Framework and Northern Ireland

The Committee *agreed* the draft letter to the Secretary of State.

6. Any other business

The Committee *took note* of the letter from the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland on the Independent Monitoring Panel.

7. Date of next meeting

The Committee will next meet in private on 3 June at 10:30am.

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