



MINUTES

Session 2026-27

NORTHERN IRELAND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the 9th Meeting, held at 10:30am on Wednesday, 2 September 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. Inquiry on Article 2 of the Protocol/Windsor Framework: New written submissions and update on visit to Belfast (16-17 September)

The Committee *accepted* the following written submissions as evidence to its inquiry:

- Ulster Unionist Party (ART0023)
- Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission (ART0024)
- Dr Katie Johnston, University of Liverpool (ART0025)

3. Forward work programme

The Committee *took note* of its draft forward work programme.

4. EU legislative scrutiny within the context of the Windsor Framework: Scrutiny correspondence received 9 July to 7 August 2026

The Committee *agreed* draft letters to Ministers for the following EMs:

- COM (2026) 1808, C (2026) 864, C (2026) 1811
- COM (2025) 1030
- C (2026) 2633
- COM (2023) 414, COM (2023) 415, *with an amendment*

- C (2026) 1412, C (2026) 766
- COM (2023) 201
- COM (2025) 652, *with an amendment*

5. Date of next meeting

The Committee will next meet on 9 September at 10:30am.

4 September 2026