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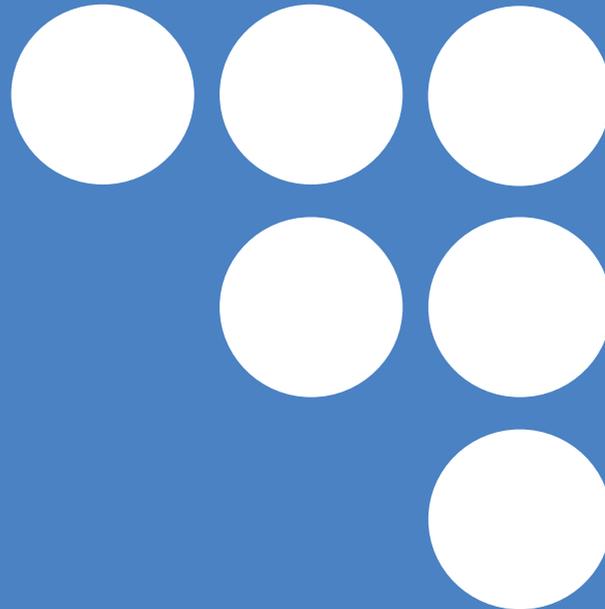
- Visit the website on [www.niassembly.gov.uk](http://www.niassembly.gov.uk)
- Call or email with any queries
- See the Assembly in plenary session on Monday or Tuesday
- Attend a committee meeting in Parliament Buildings or in your local area
- Contact your MLA to request a tour of the building
- Visit Parliament Buildings (Monday to Friday) to view the Great Hall and gift shop



If you have any questions about the Northern Ireland Assembly please contact our Public Information Office.

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## Your Assembly



## The Assembly...

is the devolved Government of Northern Ireland. It has the power to make laws in a wide range of areas, including housing, employment, education, health, agriculture and the environment. It meets at Parliament Buildings, Belfast.

## Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs)...

are elected by the people of Northern Ireland. There are 108 MLAs, 6 from each of the 18 constituencies in Northern Ireland. Elections to the Assembly are held every four years.

The MLAs' role includes passing laws and examining the work of Ministers and their Government departments.



## Plenary sessions...

are full meetings of the Assembly in the Assembly Chamber. This is where MLAs debate issues that concern the people of Northern Ireland, and pass laws. Plenary sessions are held on Mondays and Tuesdays. They are broadcast live on the Assembly's website. You can watch a plenary session from the Public Gallery that overlooks the Chamber.

## Assembly committees...

are working groups of 11 MLAs. Each committee specialises in a particular area of work. They scrutinise proposed new laws, review the work of Ministers and their departments and examine issues relating to the work of the Assembly.

Since 2007, Assembly committees have met with hundreds of people and considered many different issues that affect the people of Northern Ireland. These include health issues, water charges, school transfer tests, energy prices, road safety and access to housing.

The committees usually meet on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. You are welcome to attend a committee meeting to hear the MLAs' discussion.

## Parliament Buildings...

is open to the public between 9.00am and 4.00pm, Monday to Friday. You can take a tour of this impressive building by arranging it through an MLA or through our Education Service.

## Your Assembly...

provides a Visits Programme for schools and groups that want to learn about the Northern Ireland Assembly. It also provides educational resources to support teaching and learning.

There is also an outreach programme which visits local communities to present information about the Assembly.

