



**BRITISH-IRISH PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY  
63<sup>rd</sup> PLENARY SESSION**

**Assembly Chamber, Parliament Buildings, Stormont on 6 March 2023  
*by kind permission of the Speaker of the Northern Ireland Assembly***

**DRAFT PROGRAMME OF BUSINESS**

**MONDAY 6 MARCH 2023**

**At 9.30 am: meeting in public session in the Assembly Chamber, Parliament Buildings, Stormont**

**1. OPENING OF THE PLENARY SESSION**

The Co-Chairs will invite the Speaker of the Northern Ireland Assembly, Alex Maskey, to address the Assembly and open the plenary session.

**2. BRIEF INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS BY CO-CHAIRS**

**3. ADOPTION OF PROPOSED PROGRAMME OF BUSINESS**

**4. THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE BELFAST/GOOD FRIDAY AGREEMENT**

**Bertie Ahern**, An Taoiseach 1997–2008, will address the Assembly.

**Sir John Holmes** GCVO KBE CMG, Principal Private Secretary to the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, 1995-1999, will address the Assembly.

Both speakers will be invited to respond to questions.

*At about 11.00 am the Co-Chairs will suspend proceedings.*

**At about 11.15 am:**

**5. PANEL DISCUSSION: THE WOMEN'S COALITION AND THE GOOD FRIDAY AGREEMENT**

Karin Smyth MP will chair a discussion between **Kate Fearon**, **Bronagh Hinds**, **Dr Avila Kilmurray** and **Dr Jane Morrice**, former members of the Women's Coalition, who will then respond to questions.

*[The sitting will be suspended from 12.00 pm to 2.00 pm.]*

**At 2.00 pm**

**6. POLICING UNDER THE BELFAST/GOOD FRIDAY AGREEMENT**

Dr Jonny Byrne, School of Criminology, Social Policy and Politics, Ulster University, will address the Assembly.

**7. POLICING UNDER THE BELFAST/GOOD FRIDAY AGREEMENT: DEBATE ON MOTION**

*Steve Aiken MLA, on behalf of the Steering Committee*

That the Assembly has considered the progress made in policing under the Belfast/Good Friday Agreement.

*At about 3.00 pm the Co-Chairs will suspend proceedings.*

**At 3.15 pm:**

**8. THE BELFAST/GOOD FRIDAY AGREEMENT: DEBATE ON MOTION**

*Brendan Howlin TD, on behalf of the Steering Committee*

That this Assembly acknowledges the contribution made by the Belfast/Good Friday Agreement to peace and prosperity on these islands; marks the contribution made by the British-Irish Interparliamentary Body and the British-Irish Parliamentary Assembly to these developments; acknowledges the continuing need to address the impact of the Troubles; and looks forward to the Assembly's contribution to the future work needed to ensure that the achievements of the Agreement continue to be built upon.

**Not later than 4.45 pm:**

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

*The Steering Committee*

That the Assembly do now adjourn.

*The sitting will conclude not later than 4.45 pm.*