



**BRITISH-IRISH PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY
67th PLENARY SESSION**

Oatlands Park Hotel, Weybridge, Surrey, on 13 and 14 October 2025

PROGRAMME OF BUSINESS

MONDAY 13 OCTOBER 2025

At 9.30 am: meeting in public session in the York Suite, Oatlands Park Hotel, Weybridge, Surrey

- 1. OPENING OF THE PLENARY SESSION**
- 2. ADOPTION OF PROPOSED PROGRAMME OF BUSINESS**
- 3. DEVELOPING THE BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP**

HE Kara Owen CMG, Ambassador-designate of the United Kingdom to Ireland, will address the Assembly.

HE Martin Fraser, Ambassador of Ireland to Great Britain, will address the Assembly.

Both Ambassadors will then respond to questions.

The Co-Chairs will suspend proceedings not later than 10.45 am.

At about 11.05 am:

- 4. UK-IRELAND 2030: DEVELOPING RESEARCH, INNOVATION AND SKILLS**

James Lawless TD, Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science, Government of Ireland, will address the Assembly and respond to questions.

- 5. THE UK-IRELAND JOINT STATEMENT IN THE ASSEMBLY'S JURISDICTIONS**

Debate on a motion to be moved by Senator Niall Blaney on behalf of the Steering Committee:

That the British-Irish Parliamentary Assembly welcomes the 2030 Joint Statement of the UK and Irish Governments issued in March 2025 which marked a moment of renewal for an ambitious programme of co-operation through to 2030; and commits the Assembly to supporting and encouraging the work needed to make those ambitions a reality, in pursuit of the Assembly's foundational aim of promoting co-operation between political representatives in Britain and Ireland for the benefit of the people we represent.

The sitting will be suspended from 12.45 pm to 2.30 pm.

At 2.30 pm

7. SECURITY AND DEFENCE COOPERATION

Neale Richmond TD, Minister of State, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Government of Ireland, will address the assembly and respond to questions.

8. COMMITTEE B REPORT: “UK-EU DEFENCE AND SECURITY COOPERATION POST-BREXIT”

Darren Millar MS will present the Committee’s report and respond to questions.

The Co-Chairs will suspend proceedings not later than 3.30 pm.

At 3.45 pm

9. SECURITY AND DEFENCE COOPERATION IN EUROPE

Debate on a motion to be moved by Darren Millar MS on behalf of the Steering Committee.

That the British-Irish Parliamentary Assembly recognises the vital importance to all BIPA jurisdictions of effective measures taken by governments to ensure their security and defence; appreciates that global trends and events pose significant threats to that continued security; welcomes the agreements concluded between the UK and Ireland in March 2025 and the UK and the European Union in May 2025 which provide for practical cooperation on matters of security, defence, intelligence sharing and cyber security; and recommends that the British and Irish Governments continue to work closely together and with European partners to enhance security measures, in particular in the fields of critical marine infrastructure, energy security, cyber security and irregular migration.

The day’s sitting will conclude not later than 5.30 pm.

TUESDAY 14 OCTOBER 2025

At 9.30 am: meeting in public session in the York Suite, Oatlands Park Hotel, Weybridge, Surrey

10. ANNUAL REPORT

The Assembly will receive the annual report on the Assembly's activities in 2024.

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS, ETC

PROGRESS REPORT FROM THE STEERING COMMITTEE (THE CO-CHAIRS)

PROGRESS REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON SECURITY, JUSTICE AND GLOBAL ISSUES (COMMITTEE A) (Senator Niall Blaney)

PROGRESS REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON CLIMATE, ENERGY, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (COMMITTEE B) (Paula Butterly TD)

PROGRESS REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON GROWTH, TRADE AND INVESTMENT (COMMITTEE C) (Sinéad Gibney TD)

PROGRESS REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PEOPLES AND CULTURES (COMMITTEE D) (Lord Dubs)

The Co-Chairs will suspend proceedings not later than 10.30 am.

At 10.45 am:

12. THE PROPOSED JOINT FRAMEWORK ON THE LEGACY OF THE TROUBLES

Debate on a motion to be moved by Lord Dubs on behalf of the Steering Committee.

That the British-Irish Parliamentary Assembly notes the publication on 19 September 2025 of the joint framework agreed between the UK Government and the Government of Ireland on the legacy of the Troubles.

Not later than 12.25 pm:

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Steering Committee

That the Assembly do now adjourn.

The session will conclude not later than 12.25 pm.