



**BRITISH-IRISH PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY
58th PLENARY SESSION**

Druids Glen Hotel, Druids Glen, Wicklow

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME OF BUSINESS

MONDAY 13 MAY 2019

At 9.30 am: meeting in public session

- 1. BRIEF INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS BY CO-CHAIRS**
- 2. ADOPTION OF PROPOSED PROGRAMME OF BUSINESS**
- 3. ADDRESS BY THE MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS, CLIMATE ACTION AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

Minister Richard Bruton will address the Assembly and respond to questions.

At about 10.30 am

- 4. CLIMATE ACTION AND ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION**

Laura Burke, Director General, Environmental Protection Agency, will address the Assembly and respond to questions.

At about 11.30 am

- 5. PROMOTING BRITISH-IRISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS**

His Excellency Robin Barnett, Ambassador of the United Kingdom to Ireland, will address the Assembly and respond to questions.

At about 12.30 pm

- 6. BIPA ANNUAL REPORT 2018**

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS, ETC

PROGRESS REPORT FROM COMMITTEE A (SOVEREIGN MATTERS)
Senator Frank Feighan

PROGRESS REPORT FROM COMMITTEE B (EUROPEAN AFFAIRS)
Darren Millar AM

PROGRESS REPORT FROM COMMITTEE C (ECONOMIC)
Joan Burton TD

PROGRESS REPORT FROM COMMITTEE D (ENVIRONMENT & SOCIAL)
Lord Alf Dubs

GOVERNMENT RESPONSES TO COMMITTEE REPORTS

The sitting will be suspended from 1.00 pm to 2.30 pm.

At 2.30 pm

8. MARINE ENVIRONMENT REPORT

Dr Stephen Hynes, Socio-Economic Marine Research Unit, National University of Ireland, Galway and Professor Melanie Austen, Head of Science: Sea and Society, Plymouth Marine Laboratory, will address the Assembly and respond to questions.

At about 3.30 pm

9. TOWARDS A NEW COMMON CHAPTER – A grass roots vision for co-operation between Northern Ireland and Ireland, and between the island of Ireland and Great Britain.

Dr. Anthony Soares, Centre for Cross Border Studies, will address the Assembly and respond to questions.

At about 4.15 pm

**9. DEBATE ON MOTION “That this Assembly has considered recent political developments”
(motion to be agreed by the Steering Committee)**

The session will conclude not later than 5.30 pm.

TUESDAY 14 MAY 2019

At 9.30am: Meeting in public session

11. COMMITTEE D WILL PRESENT ITS REPORT TO THE ASSEMBLY TITLED “The cross-jurisdictional implications of abortion policy in the BIPA jurisdictions” (tbc)

Lord Alf Dubs will present his report and respond to questions

At about 10.10 am:

12. COMMITTEE B WILL PRESENT ITS REPORT TO THE ASSEMBLY TITLED “Second Interim Report on European Security Cooperation: Port security and infrastructure”

Darren Millar AM will present his report and respond to questions

At about 11.00 am:

13. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Representatives from the National Youth Council in Ireland will address the Assembly on their work on Sustainable Development Goals (including environmental protection) and respond to questions.

Not later than 12.15 pm:

14. ADJOURNMENT

The Steering Committee

That the Assembly do now adjourn.

The session will conclude not later than 12.15 pm.