

## **Minister Muir sets out proposals for future of Environmental Governance in NI**

DAERA Minister Andrew Muir is seeking agreement for the establishment of an independent Environmental Protection Agency in Northern Ireland following publication of expert independent panel report.

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## **Lyons: Memorandum of Understanding with the US cements unique relationship with Northern Ireland**

Communities Minister Gordon Lyons has signed a historic Memorandum of Understanding with the US Semiquincentennial Commission at the Ulster American Folk Park.

The document was signed by Minister Gordon Lyons and America250 Commissioner Joe Crowley and will ensure that Northern Ireland is the first nation to receive special status in recognition of its unique contribution to the foundation of the United States of America.

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## **Long and Nesbitt announce funding for domestic and sexual abuse services**

Projects which offer vital support to victims of domestic and sexual abuse have received funding from the Departments of Justice and Health.

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## **Minister Lyons welcomes landmark visit by the America250 Commission**

Communities Minister Gordon Lyons has welcomed a landmark visit by the America250 Commission today (Monday 3 November) to formally mark Northern Ireland's special status in the semiquincentennial celebrations next year.

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## **Budget must provide further support for workers and families – O'Dowd**

Finance Minister John O'Dowd has urged the Chief Secretary to the Treasury to use the Autumn Budget as an opportunity to further support workers and families, particularly in the area of childcare.