

0'Dowd reaffirms commitment to promoting biodiversity and protecting the environment

Infrastructure Minister John O'Dowd has reaffirmed his commitment to promoting biodiversity to help address the climate and nature emergency.

Justice Minister Naomi Long is extending the Sexual Offences Legal Advisers pilot scheme until March 2025.

Minister Long said: "I introduced this pilot scheme in April 2021 to provide free, independent legal advice and advocacy to adult complainants in serious sexual offence cases, up to the point of trial – since then more than 1,600 people have received free legal advice.

Increase in funded IVF provision

Health Minister Robin Swann has announced that publicly funded IVF treatment will increase to one full cycle for eligible women.

Consultation on criminal assets recovery Codes of Practice launched

Department of Justice has launched a public consultation to seek views on recovery of criminal assets Codes of Practice.

Farming and environmental sectors are partners – Muir

Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs Minister Andrew Muir has told stakeholders that working together is key to delivering real environmental improvement whilst ensuring economic resilience in the agriculture sector.