

# **Labour Market Statistics**

The labour market statistics were published today by the Northern Ireland Statistics & Research Agency.

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## **New domestic abuse offence to be introduced in Northern Ireland**

A new domestic abuse offence for Northern Ireland is included in the Home Office Domestic Abuse Bill, which was introduced in the House of Commons today.

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## **Forest Expansion Scheme reopens for applications**

The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) has announced the opening of the fifth phase of the Forest Expansion Scheme and a revised Forest Protection Scheme to help woodland owners affected by Chalara ash dieback.

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## **New Chair of Invest Northern Ireland appointed**

The Permanent Secretary of the Department for the Economy, Noel Lavery, has announced the appointment of Rose Mary Stalker as the new Chair of Invest Northern Ireland.

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# Appointments and reappointments to the board of Libraries NI

The Department for Communities has appointed three new Members to the Libraries NI Board from 1 July 2019 until 30 June 2023:

- Mr Neil Bodger
- Mrs Wendy Osborne OBE
- Mr John Peto