

## **O'Dowd announces new procurement guidelines to cut bureaucracy and save money**

Finance Minister John O'Dowd has announced updated guidelines to simplify arrangements for grant recipients.

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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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## **Minister welcomes early success of JobStart scheme as employers launch new job opportunities**

Communities Minister Gordon Lyons has hailed the success of the JobStart programme as hundreds of employers have applied to take part.

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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.