

## **Executive Daily Update: Initiatives to deal with Coronavirus (6 May 2020)**

Northern Ireland Executive Ministers and their officials have over the past 24 hours been involved in a number of initiatives and critical decisions relating to the Coronavirus emergency.

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## **Time is right to start rebuilding the tourism industry, says Dodds**

Northern Ireland's tourism and hospitality sectors have a vital role to play in our economic recovery following the COVID-19 crisis.

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## **Minister publishes information on impact of COVID-19 on Universal Credit Claims**

Communities Minister Deirdre Hargey today published a range of Management Information highlighting the impact the Covid-19 crisis has had on the number of claims to Universal Credit.

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## **Dodds announces two skills initiatives in response to the pandemic**

Economy Minister Diane Dodds today announced a free skills programme for small businesses and a free post-graduate certificate in software development for people whose career has been impacted by Covid-19.

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## **Dodds announces £40 million secured for microbusiness Hardship Fund**

Economy Minister Diane Dodds has announced that £40 million is to be made available for a new Hardship Fund aimed at microbusinesses which have not been able to avail of the existing support schemes and which require financial support due to the impact of COVID-19.