Labour Market Statistics

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

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.

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.

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.

<u>Appointments and reappointments to the board of Libraries NI</u>

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