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**Committee for Finance**

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Dear Peredur,

The NI Assembly Committee for Finance would like to hear your views on the Northern Ireland Fiscal Council Bill.

The Bill was introduced by the Finance Minister; John O'Dowd MLA on 23 June 2025. The Northern Ireland Fiscal Council was established on a non-statutory basis in March 2021 following a commitment made in the New Decade New Approach. The Northern Ireland Fiscal Council Bill establishes the Council on a statutory basis and provides a legislative framework to underpin its work. The Bill sets out the functions of the Council, and deals with operational matters regarding annual reports, membership, finance and staffing.

Further information on the Bill can be found below:

- A copy of the [Bill](#) and Explanatory and [Financial Memorandum](#).
- The [Hansard report](#) of the Second Stage Assembly debate on the principles of the Bill that took place on 1 July 2025.
- A copy of the [New Decade New Approach agreement](#).
- A research paper prepared by the Assembly's Research and Information Service on the Bill. (available when published)

**How to submit your views**

Your submission should be structured to address specific clauses of the Bill. If appropriate, it should include any amendments you wish to propose to the text of the Bill.

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Written submissions should be sent electronically in Word format (not PDF) to: [nifiscalcouncilbill@niassembly.gov.uk](mailto:nifiscalcouncilbill@niassembly.gov.uk). If you cannot submit electronically you may send in a hard copy written submission to: The Finance Committee Clerk, Room 382, Parliament Buildings, Ballymiscaw, Stormont, Belfast, BT4 3XX.

Organisations or individuals responding to this call for views should note that their written submission (either in whole or part) may be published on the Committee webpage and may be quoted in the Committee's report or referred to in Committee meetings (which are public and are broadcast).

The Committee recognises that in some circumstances people may prefer for their evidence to be treated as confidential, or published anonymously. If you wish to do this, please make this clear when submitting your evidence.

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If you have any queries or require any further information about the call for evidence or the Committee Stage of the Northern Ireland Fiscal Council Bill the Committee Clerk, Peter Hall can be contacted via email:

[nifiscalcouncilbill@niassembly.gov.uk](mailto:nifiscalcouncilbill@niassembly.gov.uk) or by phone: 028 9052 1799.

A response would be very much appreciated by **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2025**.

Yours sincerely,

**Matthew O'Toole MLA**

Chairperson

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