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INV/1148/2011: MEETING WITH DETI MINISTER ARLEEN FOSTER MLA
TO DISCUSS A NUMBER OF ISSUES.

SUMMARY

Issue:	To provide you with appropriate briefing for your meeting with Arleen Foster MLA.
Timing:	Immediate, meeting has been planned for Monday 26 September 2011.
Financial Implications:	None.
Legislation Implications:	None.
Employment of External Consultants Implications:	None.
Equality Implications:	None.
FOI Implications:	Relates to Policy issues – consideration of disclosure under FOI will be given in the event of a request being received.
Position in the South:	N/A.
Special Adviser's Views:	[to be inserted by Private Office]
Executive Referral:	N/A
Presentational Issues:	None
Recommendation:	That you draw on the attached briefing for your meeting.

BACKGROUND

You agreed to meet with DETI Minister, Arleen Foster in order to discuss a range of significant cross-cutting issues and how best to achieve co-operative working. The main purpose of the meeting will be to agree a way forward on the Agri-Food strategy, conduct a bilateral on the Rural White Paper and further clarify other issues of mutual interest.

2. The meeting is planned to take place on Monday 26 September 2011 between 14.30 and 15.30, Room 144, Parliament Buildings.
3. A concise update on the specific agenda items is included at (Annexe B).

Pre-brief & Meeting

4. You will be accompanied to the meeting by the Permanent Secretary, Dr Mark Browne and Mr Keith Morrison. Although no pre-brief has been formally arranged, officials stand ready should you seek one.

RECOMMENDATION

5. It is recommended that you:-
 - (a) draw on the attached briefing for your meeting with Minister Foster.

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**Attachments: Annex A – Index to briefing material
 Annex B – Briefing material**

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