



Northern Ireland Affairs Committee

Select Committee Announcement

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NEW INQUIRY: Human Rights Bill for Northern Ireland

The Committee is to carry out a short inquiry into the process towards a Human Rights Bill for Northern Ireland, focusing on the scope which any such Bill should take. The Government is expected to issue consultation on a Bill later this year, and the Committee's inquiry will intend to feed into that consultation process.

The Committee invites any individual or organisation with an interest in this matter to submit written evidence in accordance with the guidelines stated below:

Each submission should:

- be no more than 3,000 words in length;
- have numbered paragraphs; and
- be in Word format or a rich text format with as little use of colour or logos as possible.

A copy of the submission should be sent by e-mail to northircom@parliament.uk marked "A Human Rights Bill for Northern Ireland" and should arrive by **Friday 1 May 2009**.

If you wish to submit a paper copy, in addition to the electronic version, it should be sent to:

The Clerk of the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee
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FURTHER INFORMATION:

Committee Membership is as follows: Sir Patrick Cormack MP (Chairman) (Conservative, South Staffordshire), Mr David Anderson MP (Labour, Blaydon), Rosie Cooper MP (Labour, West Lancashire), Mr Christopher Fraser MP (Conservative, South West Norfolk), Mr John Grogan MP (Labour, Selby), Mr Stephen Hepburn MP (Labour, Jarrow), Lady Hermon MP (Ulster Unionist Party, North Down), Kate Hoey MP (Labour, Vauxhall), Dr Alasdair McDonnell MP (SDLP, Belfast South), Mr Denis Murphy MP (Labour, Wansbeck), Stephen Pound MP (Labour, Ealing North), Mrs Iris Robinson MP (Democratic Unionist Party, Strangford), David Simpson MP (Democratic Unionist Party, Upper Bann).

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