**Terms of Reference**

**Membership**

First Secretary of State (Chair)

Chief Whip

Financial Secretary to Treasury

The Rt.Hon. Nigel Dodds MP

The Rt.Hon. Sir Jeffrey Donaldson MP

The Rt.Hon. Sammy Wilson MP

Neither Party Leaders will sit on the Committee, but may attend from time to time on Privy Council terms.

From time to time other Government Ministers or DUP Parliamentary Spokespeople will be invited for discussions on particular pieces of legislation.

**Scope**

The Committee will consider legislation relating to the Queen’s Speech, the Budget; finance bills; money bills, supply and appropriation legislation, estimates, EU exit and national security. Other legislation may be discussed with the agreement of the Chair. This Committee is the only official means of sharing information between the Government and DUP in support of the confidence and supply arrangement.

To support the commitments outlined in the confidence and supply agreement, the Committee will not consider legislation or parts of legislation solely relating to Northern Ireland and the Government will inform the NI Executive of such legislation in the usual way.

The Committee will not consider operational activity or secret intelligence related to national security.

The Committee will meet in confidence.

**Frequency and Support**

The Committee will meet as frequently as required while Parliament is sitting

The Government will provide the secretariat to the Committee and provide an agenda, in discussion with the Chair and with the DUP, as well as factual briefing papers to aid the discussion as required. Factual summaries of meetings will be taken and published on a quarterly basis.

**Coordination Committee**

*Tuesday 18 July*

70 Whitehall

Agenda:

● Terms of Reference - from the First Secretary of State

● Upcoming Parliamentary Business – from the Chief Whip

*including a forward look and update on expected bills to be introduced in September.*

● The European Union (Withdrawal) Bill - from the Secretary of State for Exiting the EU

*Oral briefing.*

**Summary**

The Coordination Committee met on Tuesday 18 July. The First Secretary of State, the Chief Whip, the Financial Secretary to the Treasury and the Secretary of State for Exiting the EU attended for the Government. The Rt Hon. Nigel Dodds MP, The Rt Hon. Jeffrey Donaldson MP and Sammy Wilson MP attended on behalf of the Democratic Unionist Party.

The committee considered:

1. the draft terms of reference for its operation, covering the scope, frequency and membership.
2. the legislative programme, focusing particularly on legislation currently before Parliament alongside the Finance Bill which will provide a vehicle for measures already announced at fiscal events in the last Parliament. The committee also discussed Bills being introduced after the summer recess relating to arrangements for after the UK leaves the European Union.
3. the European Union (Withdrawal) Bill. The Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union gave an oral briefing setting out how the Bill would provide for a functioning statute book on exit day by ending the authority of EU law and ensuring Parliament and devolved legislatures are able to make changes to future law.

**Coordination Committee**

*Monday 11 September*

70 Whitehall

Agenda:

● Review of the last Parliamentary period – opened by the First Secretary of State with the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Exiting the EU

● Upcoming Parliamentary Business – from the Chief Whip

*Supported by factual briefings on the Sanctions and Anti-Money Laundering Bill and Data Protection Bill along with a paper on upcoming parliamentary business.*

● Any other business – from the First Secretary of State and Rt. Hon. Arlene Foster MLA.

**Summary**

The Coordination Committee met on Monday 11 September. The First Secretary of State, the Chief Whip, the Financial Secretary to the Treasury and the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Exiting the EU attended for the Government. The Rt Hon. Arlene Foster MLA, The Rt Hon. Nigel Dodds MP and Sammy Wilson MP attended on behalf of the Democratic Unionist Party.

The committee considered:

1. the last parliamentary period, focusing on the first day of Second Reading of the European Union (Withdrawal) Bill.
2. the legislative programme, receiving factual briefings particularly on Data Protection Bill and the Sanctions and Anti-Money Laundering Bill. The Committee were also informed of the upcoming publication of White Papers of Trade and Customs.
3. The wider Confidence and Supply agreement commitments, including ensuring preparatory work is commenced, pending the restoration of the Executive in Northern Ireland.