

# **ECONOMY AND JOBS INITIATIVE**

**PROGRESS AGAINST ACTIONS – TO 31 MARCH 2014**



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| <b>SUPPORTING PEOPLE</b> |  |      |   |                    |
| 1                        | Fund an additional 500 undergraduate STEM places each year, bringing the total increase in STEM places to 1,200 by 2015. This will enhance the skills base in priority areas for the NI economy.                                 | DEL  | <p>166 places were funded during 2013/14 from the Economy and Jobs Initiative. A further 166 will be funded during 2014/15 and 168 in 2015/16 to bring the total number funded under this initiative to 500.</p> <p>The balance of the 1,587 places by 2015/16 are being funded from the agreement on the tuition fees settlement and from resources available within DEL.</p>  | Yes                |
| 2                        | Enhance higher level skills and research capabilities in priority areas by providing an additional 150 fully funded PhD places in areas of economic relevance over the next 3 years and 20 bursaries for Aerospace MSc students. | DEL  | <p>The distribution of the first tranche (50) additional PhD places between institutions has been calculated for academic year (AY) 2013/14 and universities were notified of these on the 22 April 2013 via their budget allocation letters.</p> <p>Of the first tranche of 100 MSc UK wide places, 13 of these were awarded to Northern Ireland students. The second round of the aerospace MSc bursary scheme is now operational with 11 places in NI being supported as at March 2014. The next intake due in AY 2014/15.</p> | Yes                |
| 3                        | Provide 1,700 young people with waged employment opportunities of a minimum of 6 months duration within either the private, public or voluntary & community sectors. This new  | DEL  | At 31 December 2013 (the latest date for which statistics are available), 915 young people had commenced the First Start programme.   | Yes                |

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|     | intervention is aimed at 18-24 year olds who have been unemployed for a minimum of 26 weeks and will provide a contribution to the wage costs of employers (£120pw under 20s; £155pw 21+).   |      |   |                    |
| 4   | Support 1,100 over-50s, who have been out of work for more than 12 months, to take up temporary paid employment of up to 26 weeks in the Community and Voluntary Sector. DEL would make a contribution towards the wage costs of employers. As well as a period of paid employment, participants' employability would be enhanced which would improve their future prospects in the labour market. | DEL  | At 31 December 2013 (the latest date for which statistics are available), 715 participants had commenced this Step Ahead 50+ programme. | Yes                |

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| 5   | Encourage further employer engagement with ApprenticeshipsNI for up to 900 additional young people that have participated on the Youth Employment Scheme by supporting the cost of "off the job" training.  | DEL  | Employer Contact Managers when visiting employers, including those participating in the Youth Employment Scheme, continue to provide a brief overview of ApprenticeshipNI and signpost the employer to Skills and Industry Division for follow-up where required.  | Yes                    |
| 6   | Introduce an additional employer subsidy under Invest NI's Jobs Fund scheme to provide additional incentive to employers to recruit disadvantaged workers. This proposal will encourage businesses with existing and new employment based projects to recruit more "disadvantaged" workers across NI. | DETI | <p>Following detailed discussions between Invest NI and DEL, it was decided to withdraw this proposal, since DEL already provided a range of support to disadvantaged workers and it was agreed that there would be limited demand and potential duplication in the market.</p> <p>The DETI Minister endorsed our decision not to proceed with this proposal and wrote to Ministerial colleagues to inform them.</p> | No – Action withdrawn. |
| 7   | Encourage self-employment in key growth sectors by making 150 Enterprise Allowances in priority growth sectors available to 16-30 year olds. Individuals would receive a  | DEL  | Proposals for the Enterprise Allowance scheme have been agreed by the DEL Minister which includes Invest NI's Regional Start Initiative. A business case has been developed and forwarded to DFP for approval. The Scheme should be operational by June 2014.  | Yes                    |

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|     | weekly allowance as well as start-up, training and other business grants & mentoring support.   |      |   |                    |
| 8   | Extend the Youth Employment Scheme for young people with disabilities by a further 50 places per annum. This will bring the total places available on the scheme to 6,100 over the 3 year period of the scheme. | DEL  | <p>Total of 30 recorded to date.</p> <p>1 client on Work Connect who moved into employment via the YES programme.</p> <p>10 clients have progressed into employment through the FE Pilot Project for young people with a learning disability/difficulty.</p> <p>USEL has advanced 19 young people with disabilities onto YES as a sub-contractor of StW.</p> <p>In addition to the above, Disability Action is currently supporting 13 clients through YES (Enhanced Employer Subsidy).</p> | Yes                |
| 9   | Provide a further 500 work experience placements/training opportunities for young people across the public sector as part of DEL's Steps to Work  | DEL  | 2013/14 target of 230 placements exceeded.  | Yes                |

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|     | Programme. This proposal will provide unemployed young people with valuable on the job experience and improve levels of employability.   |      |  |                    |
| 10  | Increase funding to the FE sector to support further up-skilling of NI workforce and to deliver additional qualifications. With this additional funding we will deliver 1,400 additional enrolments at level 2 and level 3 (including Essential Skills). | DEL  | <p>Given that the Economy and Jobs Initiative launched in the latter half of the 2012/13 year, there was a modest budget allocation to FE colleges in respect of this year. As the main college recruitment period had passed, enrolments were in respect of units of qualifications rather than full qualifications. In 2012/13, almost 300 learners were enrolled on units of qualifications, mainly at Level 2.</p> <p>In the current academic year (2013/14), it is estimated that the allocation to FE colleges will enable them to enrol around an additional 800 learners on full qualifications at Level 2 and above. At current levels of learner retention and achievement in FE colleges, these enrolments should lead to the delivery of around 625 qualifications at Level 2 and above in 2013/14. Validated data on learner performance will not be available until November 2014.</p> | Yes                |
| 11  | Provide funding to a further 26 European Social Fund projects which will provide a range of training and   | DEL  | A total of 29 projects have been offered additional funding under the NIESF Programme to provide training and employment initiatives which will benefit an estimated 11,000 or more participants, including 1,400 NEETs.   | Yes                |

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|     | employment initiatives to over 11,000 participants across NI, including 1,400 NEETs.  |      | The Community and Family Support Programme will target 44 families that have been referred by Social Services as suitable to take part. This pilot programme will test a range of models to assist distressed families with a range of barriers to education, training and employment.  |                    |
| 12  | Support growth in the local screen industry by introducing an apprenticeship scheme to enhance the skills base of the new media sector and establishing a new 'Digital Technology' creative learning centre for schools and young people. | DCAL | <p><u>Aim High</u>: In partnership with BBC NI and Creative Skillset the Aim High scheme was launched in 2011 and revolved around the placement of 15 new entrants in a variety of roles within the NI media sector. The scheme's placements and individual mentors were provided by broadcasters, independent production companies and facilities houses within NI and GB. Fifteen trainees received tailored training and a variety of paid work placements for 18 months; the intended placements were successfully delivered.</p> <p>Key performance indicators of the scheme included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– 70% of participating production companies/broadcaster departments to regard the trainees as having greater potential than other unstructured new entrants – at the end of the scheme 100% agreed that this objective had been achieved.</li> <li>– 80% of mentors to value the potential of the trainees – 100% of mentors agreed that this had been achieved</li> </ul> <p>Training of this nature remains relevant and the placement structure is flexible</p> | Yes - complete     |

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|     |        |      | <p>enough to add, change or remove any participant as necessary. The original Aim High has been considered successful with 100% of the first scheme participants now working in the sector in both NI and abroad. However, to ensure that this success continues and objectives for the sector continue to be met and identified skills gaps continue to be filled, it was deemed essential to run the programme again and with both the BBC NI and Creative Skillset expressing their satisfaction with Aim High they have committed to Aim High 2 which commenced in July 2013.</p> <p><u>CLC expansion</u>: The Creative Learning Centres offer a range of integrated creative digital technology skills programmes for teachers, youth and community workers and young people to build sustainability in schools and the youth sector. The CLCs are well placed to focus activities around social exclusion and addressing poverty within a wider role and the Nerve Centre, Studio ON and AMMA Centre have delivered a range of projects beyond the schools' remit under initiatives such as Renewing Communities, Digital Diversion, and CRC Core Funding which target areas of multiple deprivation and deal with the impacts of poverty and social exclusion.</p> <p>The CLC expansion programme is designed to continue and expand on existing work and to meet increased demand by developing the following key aims:</p> |                    |

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|     |  |      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Consolidate existing programme delivery and increase geographical reach across Northern Ireland;</li> <li>- Develop and increase CLCs' ability to provide up-to-date support and advice regarding mobile technology in the classroom;</li> <li>- Drive innovation and creative digital engagement within the curriculum, particularly expanding CLC provision to include STEM/STEAM support, research and training;</li> <li>- Expand programme of curriculum mapped interventions offered by the CLCs to include digital fabrication and design, computer gaming and programming.</li> </ul> <p>The Creative Learning Centres continue their expansion programme and work is ongoing to stabilise and consolidate this extended activity into rural and hard to reach areas; targets will be specified in revised funding agreements for 2014/15 and will be based on extended schools, special schools, schools in rural areas, youth and hard to reach groups. A minimum of 70% of all CLC activity will focus on the reduction of poverty and social exclusion.</p> |                    |
| 13  | Through FE colleges, we will conduct skills audits of employees within companies where significant numbers | DEL  | This is a demand led area of assistance, and colleges remain well prepared to fulfil this role when required. All six colleges continued to be primed to respond to requests for assistance and have played a role in offering advice,   | Yes                |

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|     | of employees are being made redundant, to increase the speed and focus of the skills response in these situations.   |        | signposting and retraining, where appropriate.   |  |
| 14  | OFMDFM will bring forward targeted and additional proposals to enhance pathways to work for disadvantaged and socially excluded communities. OFMDFM will take the lead in coordinating the initiative. | OFMDFM | <p>The Social Investment Fund (SIF) will help tackle barriers to employment, increase community services and improve the physical appearance of deprived communities. One of the strategic aims of SIF is to increase employment opportunities and some projects proposed include employment programmes across the 9 Zones. These projects will make a real difference to the future employment opportunities of those people at risk of ongoing poverty and deprivation, particularly young people.</p> <p>On 10 February 2014 Ministers announced the first tranche of 23 projects which includes a number of projects that will involve training &amp; employment initiatives. Lead Partners for these projects have been identified and vouching &amp; verification completed on their organisations. The Lead Partners have now received and agreed letters of offer and are working to meet preconditions with a view to commencing delivery over the next few months. Work is continuing to secure business case approvals for projects not yet announced</p> | This is not on track to be completed by March 2015. It will extend beyond this period but the £80m remains ring-fenced and will be fully utilised with the expectation that spend will continue until 2017/18 and be profiled as such. |

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| <b>SUPPORTING BUSINESS GROWTH</b> |   |      |  |                    |
| 15                                | Extend the small business rate relief scheme to provide a further 3,500 business ratepayers with eligible premises with a net annual value of up to £15,000 with a 20% discount on their rates. | DFP  | <p>The Small Business Rate Relief Scheme was successfully extended in April 2013 to include premises with net annual values up to £15,000. This sees 3,500 new businesses and 24,000 in total receiving support under the scheme. The Department has assessed the scheme to be running long enough to enable an evaluation of its impact and effectiveness. The Northern Ireland Centre for Economic Policy (NICEP) will be carrying out this work. A consultation paper was published on the 8<sup>th</sup> April 2014 and the consultation will close on 1<sup>st</sup> July.</p> <p>A report will be published by NICEP in late August, early September 2014, with advice on the future of the scheme. Informed by this advice, the Minister will make recommendations to the Executive, to decide what, if anything, should replace the current scheme when it ends in March 2015.</p> | Yes                |
| 16                                | Seek to accelerate business investment and recruitment by introducing a new streamlined and 'fast-track' application & approval processes for all Invest NI FDI expansion projects and those    | DETI | <p>SFA and Jobs Fund work completed and operational</p> <p>New Regional Aid Guidelines meant FDI expansion work was no longer relevant.</p> <p>Letter of Offer work ongoing.</p>   | Yes                |

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|     | <p>investments where Selective Financial Assistance (SFA) is less than £100k and by amending overly restrictive conditions placed on offers. This will include Invest NI Jobs Fund projects where 'fast track' processes are already in place for projects under £50k. These streamlined processes will deliver faster processing of projects and should result in accelerated investment &amp; recruitment and increased job creation activity.</p> |      |                           |                    |
| 17  | <p>Apply the existing Jobs Fund grant payment terms to all new SFA employment based projects under £100k to encourage businesses with new employment based projects to accelerate the rate of recruitment and increase job creation.</p>   | DETI | Completed and operational | Yes                |
| 18  | <p>Introduce a new Invest NI 'Skills</p>   | DETI | Completed and operational | Yes                |

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|     | <p>Growth' scheme for small businesses (up to 50 employees) which would provide 50% grant (to a maximum of £10,000) towards external costs relating to training. This will encourage higher levels of investment in skills development amongst small companies in NI which will strengthen the NI skills base and have a positive impact on the economic performance of participating SMEs.</p> |      |                           |                    |
| 19  | <p>Accelerate the establishment of new start-ups focused on external markets by introducing a "packaged" offering of support to encourage Export &amp; Global start-ups. This will have a positive impact on employment creation.</p>   | DETI | Completed and operational | Yes                |

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| 20  | <p>Increase the effectiveness of Government procurement by recruiting new 'Innovative Procurement Executives' whose role will be to work with the Public Sector to identify and generate projects that could be taken forward by way of an innovative Small Business Research Initiative (SBRI) procurement approach. These Executives would also engage with the SME base to build capability in terms of engaging with innovative procurement projects and to promote tender opportunities to SMEs that may be interested. The SBRI approach allows firms to develop an innovative solution to the delivery of public sector goods and services. It is expected that this approach will increase the development of innovative products and services across the NI SME base and will stimulate exports while also addressing key societal challenges through innovation.</p> | DETI | <p>Two Innovative Procurement Executives are now in place within DETI and Invest NI. DHSSPS are currently in the process of recruiting an executive and hope to be in a position to appoint in May 2014. Since the launch there has been significant outreach activity undertaken to raise awareness of the SBRI programme and currently there are 2 competitions taking place, in Health and in DRD/DOE/DRD in E Cars</p> | Yes                |

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| 21  | Provide a positive boost to the local economy and retail sector by placing a moratorium on increases in town/city centre car parking charges over the remainder of this budget period.  | DRD  | <p>Upon taking up office in 2011, the DRD Minister announced the Executive decision to freeze car parking charges within the current budget period. This means no increases will be considered before 31 March 2015.</p> <p>Following on from the Christmas 2013 offer, the Minister announced the introduction of a pilot project which commenced on 12 April 2014 and offers five hours parking for £1 in 93 car parks except in Belfast;</p> <p>It should be noted that from 1 April 2015 local councils will be responsible for all off-street car parks, which includes responsibility for setting tariffs.</p> | Yes                |
| 22  | Increase Invest NI's delegations to £50,000 cost per job for mobile investment and £40,000 cost per job for non-mobile projects to further strengthen its autonomy following the recommendations contained in the Independent Review of Economic Policy. In the current economic climate, this offers increased flexibility when considering investment and job creation projects and should reduce timescales for project approval which should lead to improved job creation and retention. | DETI | Completed  | Yes                |

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| 23  | Support innovative proposals to boost the services provided by our tourism sector by funding a new round of the Tourism Innovation Fund. The Fund will provide £800,000 and support approximately 40 jobs.                               | TIF  | <p>NITB completed an evaluation of the outputs and impacts of the 22 projects funded through TIF 2009/10. This is being reviewed by DETI and DFP Supply.</p> <p>In parallel, NITB has scoped guidelines for TIF 2014/15 open call, which will operate within the parameters agreed for the 2009/10 pilot scheme. The Fund guidelines and processes have been reviewed, in consultation with DETI, and adjusted to reflect current NITB priorities, including experiential tourism and key visitor market segments.</p> <p>NITB plans to launch the Scheme on 9 June and receive applications until 11 July. £600,000 of the total budget has been ring fenced for 2014-15.</p> <p>Monies for TIF 2013-14 (£200,000) were surrendered in 2013/14 as NITB was unable to operate an open call scheme within the limited timeline.</p> | Yes                |
| 24  | Develop and introduce a new 'Finance Voucher' scheme which will help SMEs access the specialist support they need to grow their business. Consideration will also be given to broadening this support to include other functional areas. | DETI | Completed and operational  | Yes                |

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| 25  | Establish a Group, under the remit of the Connected Health and Prosperity Project Board, to exploit the economic opportunities from the health and social care sector.   | DHSSPS | <p>A Task and Finish Group was established in February 2013 to assess the potential opportunities to support economic development through the health and social care sector in Northern Ireland.</p> <p>The Group reported its findings in May 2013. It made 7 key recommendations which were endorsed by Minister Poots and Minister Foster. These are now being progressed under the oversight of the Connected Health and Prosperity Board. An Implementation Advisory Group is being established comprising representatives from DHSSPS, DETI, HSCB, Invest NI and industry.</p> | Yes                |
| 26  | Make an additional £15m available to ensure that farmers receive more money in their Single Farm payment in 2013. This will generate additional spending power for farm business from the end of 2013 and into 2014. | DARD   | This target was achieved in 2013.  | Yes                |
| 27  | Develop a new Food Innovation Support Unit which will contribute to  | DARD   | – The Economic Appraisal for the new Food innovation Centre at CAFRE's Loughry Campus was approved by DFP on 13 August 2013.   | Yes                |

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|     | the growth of local agri-food companies through the development of new and improved products.  |      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Planning permission was approved on 14 August 2013.</li> <li>– The Pre Qualification Questionnaire Process was completed on 8 November 2013 with a shortlist of 8.</li> <li>– Tender documents were issued to these 8 companies and closed on 23 December 2013.</li> <li>– Mascott Construction has been awarded the contract with a tender price of £2.3m.</li> <li>– CAFRE has initiated the planning and integrating of the new facility into its business development provision to ensure maximum benefit to the local food industry.</li> <li>– Construction will begin on site on 14 April 2014 and it is anticipated the project will be completed by 31 March 2015.</li> </ul> |                    |
| 28  | Introduce a pilot voucher scheme to encourage business-to-business innovation and partnerships between the creative industries and other local business sectors. | DCAL | Building on the economic legacy from Derry~Londonderry City of Culture, in 2013/14 DCAL established a consortium involving CultureTECH, NORIBIC, C-TRIC and Digital Circle to develop the Creative Marketplace programme. In total, £403,000 is available for this initiative. This creative voucher pilot brought 78 'traditional industries' companies from across the region together with local creative industries suppliers. At an event in the Millennium Forum in Derry~Londonderry in March 2014, traditional sector companies used Creative Vouchers to negotiate directly with creative industries suppliers to  | Yes                |

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|     |  |      | <p>help develop their business through creative services – such as graphic design, animation, software, craft, or film-making. These new collaborations will support innovative and commercially focused developments by firms in areas such as manufacturing, tourism, healthcare and the retail sectors as well as provide a boost to local companies working in the creative industries.</p> <p>The pilot initiative attracted enormous interest with over 500 expressions of interest received from local companies in manufacturing, retail, tourism, professional services, health and the charitable sector. In excess of 200 applications were also received from creative industries companies vying to supply their services.</p> |                    |
| 29  | Phase in a series of changes to the Permitted Development Rights regime which enables developers to undertake works without the need to apply for planning permission. This will encourage small scale investment and boost activity and employment in the construction sectors. | DOE  | During 2013/14 DOE introduced a wide range of new and revised permitted development rights for agricultural buildings and on-farm anaerobic digestion plant; and for commercial, industrial and other non-domestic microgeneration equipment including solar panels, ground and water source heat pumps, biomass boiler housing and fuel stores. It also extended permitted development for certain public utilities and telecommunications operators, for street markets, domestic air-source heat pumps and for development ancillary to mines and quarries.  | Yes                |
| 30  | Introduce revisions to the structure of planning fees to alleviate the financial   | DOE  | Discussions are ongoing between officials and the Departmental Solicitor's Office to agree the final changes to the Fees Regulations. Once this   | Yes                |

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|     | burden on developers seeking to progress projects which deliver new investment. When in place these measures will have an indirect impact on employment in the medium to long term across the whole of Northern Ireland.  |      | agreement has been obtained work can progress to putting the changes in place. It is anticipated that they will be introduced in May 2014.   |                    |
| 31  | Boost employment in the construction and related sectors by stimulating further investment to secure and restore our heritage assets through raising the current cap on Listed Building Grant aid (from £150,000 per project to £500,000) and increasing the rate of support available for individual heritage projects (from 35% to 45%) | DOE  | <p>In November 2012, NIEA received an additional £2.4m from the Executive's 'Economy and Jobs Initiative', for its Listed Building Grant-Aid scheme - to be expended up until the end of financial year 2014/15. This additional funding enabled NIEA to raise the cap to £500k per scheme - as well as raising the rate of grant-aid from 35% to 45% (an actual increase of 28%) - with immediate effect. This increase in the Listed Buildings Grant-Aid rate - and cap - has been a great success.</p> <p>In 2013/14, a total of £4.09m was provided by NIEA for conservation projects to NI heritage assets [with a leverage factor of 7.62 – this has resulted in an overall spend of c. £31m in the NI construction industry].</p> | Yes                |
| 32  | By March 2015, provide further  | DETI | In the year to 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2014 NITB funded 22 projects and leveraged   | Yes                |

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|     | <p>funding to support additional investment in 23 projects which will enhance our tourist amenities and tourist related capital developments. By providing £5.7m of funding the Tourism Development Scheme could deliver total investment of over £27.5m, supporting over 450 jobs in the construction phase and creating or sustaining approximately a further 50 tourism jobs once complete.</p> |      | <p>matched funding of £5.3m.</p> <p>A number of significant new projects were approved in the year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014 including the Waterfront Convention Centre, with total funding from NITB of £18.5m.</p> <p>A number of projects have also recently been approved (Q4 2013/14) or are moving through the appraisal process including the Heritage Gateway to Fermanagh (approved), Titanic Walkways (approved by NITB) and St Columb's Cathedral School (approved by NITB designated Board).</p> <p>It is planned (revenue budget assigned) to conduct a full economic assessment of the TDS scheme in terms of outputs and impacts during 2014/2015.</p> |                    |
| 33  | <p>Help to sustain employment in the construction sector by increasing the maintenance budget for the Schools Estate by a further £10m in 2013/14.</p>   | DE   | <p>The maintenance budget was increased from £41.679m in 2012/13 to £48.658m in 2013/14, an increase of £6.979m.</p>  | Yes                |
| 34  | <p>Improve the NI tourist product by</p>   | DARD | <p>Forest Service met 18 Councils, the National Trust and the NITB to identify</p>  | Yes                |

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|     | upgrading caravan sites within our forest parks to international 5-star standard.                            |      | <p>and prioritise those projects with the greatest potential to improve forest based tourism and to strengthen operational partnerships.</p> <p>During 2013/14 Forest Service carried out works to a value of £1.5m, and has committed to deliver a programme of works costing £4 million by the end of March 2015. Particular highlights include improving tour bus access to Lough Navar Forest Drive and Gortin Glen Forest, and the publicity given to Moyle Council's support for a 5-star caravan site at Glenariff Forest.</p> <p>Work is in progress at Castlewellan, Tollymore, Drum, Florencecourt and Gosford forests, and preparatory work is underway at Glenariff forest.</p> <p>Forest Service issued 8 letters of offer for minor projects with an average cost of £25,000 to be delivered by NGOs and voluntary organisations.</p> |                    |
| 35  | Provide £4m to develop additional film studio capacity to support the development of the NI Screen Industry. | DETI | This project is in appraisal and negotiations are ongoing regarding the structure and quantum of possible support from Invest NI.   | Yes                |

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| 36  | <p>Make over £40m available to deliver a range of projects in the current financial year which will support the construction sector. This funding will see further resources being made available to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• improve the schools estate (including addressing the consequences of the fire damage to Arvalee Special School);</li> <li>• undertake further roads structural maintenance; street lighting maintenance; &amp; emerging works along the Antrim Coast Road; and</li> <li>• fund an additional 180 new property owners through the Co-ownership scheme.</li> </ul> | DE<br>DRD<br>DSD | <p>DE: An additional £1.367m was allocated to Western Education and Library Board in 2012/13 towards addressing the consequences of the fire damage to Arvalee Special School, allowing the school to reopen on 8 April 2013.</p> <p>DSD: The Co-ownership scheme received a total of £51.5 million in 2013/14 - this funding includes £15m original grant funding, plus the additional £10m that was agreed in November 2011 to be added for each of the 4 years of the PFG. This funded the additional 180 new property owners. However given the high and sustained demand for co-ownership, a further £10m was allocated to NICHA in June monitoring, £5m in October and £10m in January, plus £1.5m at year-end. This provided a total of 1,223 properties in 2013/14.</p> <p>The following funding was allocated to DRD to help support the construction industry across a number of roads maintenance projects:</p> <p>DRD Structural Maintenance - during 2013/14, some £105million of Capital and £25.2 million of Resource was spent on the delivery of structural maintenance activities through external contractors and suppliers;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bridge Maintenance - £2.9 million of Resource; and</li> <li>• These works have now been completed through a number of external contractors and DRD staff.</li> </ul> <p>DRD's figures are provisional and subject to audit</p> | Yes - delivered    |

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| 37  | Create and sustain employment in the construction sector by accelerating nearly £60m of capital spending to allow projects to commence in 2013/14 rather than 2014/15.                                | DFP<br>proposed –<br>spend by<br>various<br>Depts | Completed. Almost £60 million was accelerated from 2014/15 into 2013/14 prior to the commencement of the 2013/14 financial year.   | Yes                |
| 38  | Make a further £10m available in both 2013/14 and 2014/15 through the co-ownership scheme.  | DSD   | An additional £10m was agreed in November 2011 to be added to the NICHA budget for each of the 4 years of the PFG. This was provided as agreed in 2013/14, meaning NICHA received a total of £25m original grant funding - this has been provided for 2014/15 as well.   | Yes -<br>delivered |
| 39  | Provide further funding to progress the regeneration project at Crumlin Road Gaol. Further investment will secure employment in the short-term and complement private sector investment at this site. | OFMDFM<br>DSD                                     | DSD: Joint proposals for the regeneration of the Crumlin Road Gaol and the adjacent former army barracks at Girdwood Park were published by DSD in 2007. Since 2010 the Gaol has been the sole responsibility of OFMDFM and Girdwood the responsibility of DSD. Revised proposals for the Girdwood Park site were announced by the DSD Minister in May 2012. Arrangements are well advanced for the following construction contracts all of which contain Social Clauses which ensure that a number of apprenticeships and jobs for the Long Term Unemployed are created :<br><br>Site infrastructure - pre-tender action completed for £8m contract funded by DSD (contract due to be awarded in May 2014);<br><br>Community Hub - £10m contract awarded by Belfast City Council funded by SEUPB Peace III programme (construction to commence mid-April 2014); and | Yes                |

| No. | Action  | Dept | Progress to 31 March 2014  | On Track<br>Yes/No   |
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|     |   |      | <p>Social housing – contract awarded for development of 60 social housing units; 45% of total scheme cost funded by DSD via the Northern Ireland Housing Executive, 55% funded by the appointed Housing Group (construction to commence April/May 2014).</p> <p>OFMDFM: Funds of £1.084 million were invested in the Crumlin Road gaol during 2013/14. This work restored the Warders Cottages to a shell finish to facilitate future internal refurbishment as office/leisure or work/commercial space for businesses or other organisations. The external restoration works contributed to enhancing the local urban environment. The CRG Regeneration Team carried out soft market testing and will be meeting with business and community organisations to identify possible uses for the buildings.</p> | Yes.<br>Restoration complete; business and community engagement on-going |
| 40  | Publish revised Planning Policy Statements for Enabling Development and Tourism. When in place these measures will have an indirect impact on employment in the medium to long term across the whole of NI. | DOE  | PPS 16 'Tourism' was published in final form in June 2013.   | Yes - completed  |

| No. | Action   | Dept   | Progress to 31 March 2014   | On Track<br>Yes/No |
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| 41  | OFMDFM will bring forward proposals to boost economic activity through the retro-fitting of energy efficiency measures into homes. | OFMDFM | A Project Director and Procurement Advisor have been appointed and the results of Market Testing and Social Return on Investment studies were received in April. There has been ongoing engagement with stakeholders and project proposals are expected to be available by Autumn 2014. | Yes                |