

INDEX AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION TO DOCUMENTS

1. DETI Response to ETI Committee query

The Committee first considered the Department's response to queries relating to INTERREG funding.

2. NI Tourist Board (NITB) Response to ETI Committee query

The Committee received an oral briefing from NITB and it had emerged that INTERREG is affecting some of the Tourism Signature Projects. NITB officials agreed to come back to the Committee on the outcomes of the meetings between DETI officials and SEUPB officials.

3. Submissions from local authority-led bodies

After an informal meeting between members of the ETI Committee and representatives of the 5 local authority-led bodies, members considered the following documents:

- 3a.** Notes from East Border Region's meeting with Minister Ritchie
- 3b.** ICBAN's responses to the DETI's briefing paper
- 3c.** North West Region's Report on INTERREG
- 3d.** The SEUPB Approval process

4. Correspondence from the Finance and Personnel Committee

The ETI Committee received correspondence from the F&P Committee regarding their knowledge of SEUPB and INTERREG, including:

- 4a.** Memo stating that the Finance and Personnel Committee received an oral briefing from SEUPB officials.
- 4b.** Briefing paper by Finance and Personnel regarding SEUPB and implementation of EU Programmes for DFP Committee

5. Hansard of evidence from an oral briefing from SEUPB officials to the F&P Committee