

FIRST MINISTER & DEPUTY FIRST MINISTER CALL

Wednesday 18 November 2020

STEER

1. Executive stability: you should deliver a strong message to the First Minister and Deputy First Minister about the importance of getting the Executive back onto a sustainable footing, following the Executive meeting last Thursday. There would be value in asking how they will approach the next decision making point for COVID restrictions, including how they can bring the three other parties along with any decision.

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ISSUES TO RAISE

Executive Stability

Lines to take:

- I know everyone recognises that the last week or so has been difficult and the way in which decisions played out in public was unhelpful. But the current crisis should continue to remind us why a stable, five party Executive is vital for the people of Northern Ireland.
- My sense is that there are real tensions in the Executive, and real frustrations among all parties. I am interested in how you think we can repair relationships and move forward as leaders of the Executive?
- **Has there been any progress in appointing an interim Head of the Civil Service?** It is important to have the right official as well as political leadership in TEO to help manage Executive decision-making.

NDNA Implementation

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