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"STORMONT ministers Nichola Mallon and Naomi Long have voiced their frustration at learning of the executive's meeting agenda from the media and lobbyists.

It followed morning radio reports that ministers were expected to discuss matters including the driving test backlog and the ending of the British government's furlough scheme.

Financial support for non-food indoor pubs which have not yet been allowed to reopen during the Covid-19 pandemic, as well as support for the taxi industry, were also expected to be on the agenda."

Stormont minister Nichola Mallon tests positive for Covid-19 - Belfast Live

January 2022

"The Infrastructure Minister expressed her frustration at reading leaked details of the plans in the media that morning before she had even received any Executive papers."

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-55016585>

21 November 2020

"News of what had been agreed began to leak to journalists at about 20:15 - but despite the agreement's magnitude, no joint press conferences or interviews were planned.

A **statement from the Executive Office** confirming the new measures was not released until almost 22:00 and it wasn't until 08:56 on Friday that the first executive minister, Justice Minister Naomi Long, featured on BBC's Good Morning Ulster radio programme.

It is understood the executive meeting had ended shortly before 20:00, with a presumption that some ministers were preparing to do a short media briefing. But this never materialised, despite the executive being told that all ministers needed to do some "heavy lifting" to sell the plan via media outlets."

Coronavirus: Robin Swann did not make NI best-case scenario public - BBC News

10 June 2020

On Wednesday, Mr Swann described the leak of the document as frustrating.

"It's disappointing. It's party politics. It will not put me off the focus I have on making the health service work for the people of Northern Ireland, " he told BBC's Good Morning Ulster programme.

"The question that is in my mind is what do people get from leaking a document? It's either trying to undermine me, the position or some work that has been going on in the health service."