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ELECTION GUIDANCE TO ALL NI CIVIL SERVANTS

As you know the Northern Ireland Assembly was formally dissolved at midnight thus signifying the start of the election campaign which will continue through until the scheduled date of the Assembly election on 29 May.

I now attach a copy of the final guidance which should be followed by all members of the Northern Ireland Civil Service with immediate effect. It will be important to ensure its dissemination throughout Departments and associated bodies before the end of today.

Although I recognise that speculation continues with regard to the final timing of an Assembly election, it should be stressed that the principles and procedures contained in the guidance are applicable from now. Should any further announcement be made, revised guidance will issue forthwith.

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