<u>f113 million issued to over 10,000</u> <u>businesses — Murphy</u>

The Department of Finance has paid £113 million to over 10,000 businesses under its Localised Restrictions Support Scheme.

Top up payments began issuing yesterday and will continue today to cover the six week period of restrictions which came into effect on 26 December. Businesses should receive these payment in their bank accounts within seven working days.

Poots outlines his vision for agriculture in Northern Ireland at the Oxford Farming Conference

Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs Minister Edwin Poots MLA yesterday joined a webinar to celebrate 75 years of Oxford Farming Conference.

Justice Minister launches public consultation on reform of rehabilitation periods

Justice Minister, Naomi Long, today launched a public consultation on 'Rehabilitation of Offenders — a consultation on proposals to reform rehabilitation periods in Northern Ireland.'

Dodds urges vocational learners to

stay focused on the future

Economy Minister Diane Dodds today urged vocational learners to remain focused on their futures and told them they will receive the support they need to continue their courses.

Briefing on rescheduling of second doses of the Pfizer/BioNTech Covid-19 vaccine

The rescheduling of second doses of the Pfizer/BioNTech Covid-19 vaccine will bring faster protection to greater numbers of people most at risk from the virus — including more health care workers.