<u>Minister's opening remarks for the daily briefing - 3 June 2020</u>

Good afternoon. I must start with the sombre news that eight more deaths from Covid-19 were announced today. I want to pass on my condolences to the family and friends of those who have passed away.

We've never been more grateful to waste sector for their vital work Poots

Environment Minister Edwin Poots has applauded the essential waste sector for maintaining key services, protecting the environment and public health during the pandemic.

<u>Poots highlights dangers of pollution</u> <u>in waterways</u>

Environment Minister Edwin Poots MLA has reminded farmers, businesses and members of the public of the need to be extra careful to avoid pollution of local waterways.

<u>Ministers remind public to act</u> <u>responsibly and stay safe</u>

Infrastructure Minister Nichola Mallon and Justice Minister Naomi Long have come together to urge the public to act responsibly and consider if their journey is essential.

Economy Minister announces appointments to the Board of The Consumer Council for Northern Ireland

Minister for the Economy Diane Dodds has announced the appointment of three new members and the reappointment of the Chair, Deputy Chair and four existing members, to the Board of the Consumer Council for Northern Ireland.