

NI Crunchtalk archives for March 2009

Mar 4 2009, 1:57 PM

nicrunchtalk: Hi everybody, thanks for logging in to nicrunchtalk.com. We hope to be able to start the webchat with Margaret Ritchie MLA at 3pm so do please stick around and participate. Please also remember to observe the etiquette guidelines and, above all, enjoy the session.



Mar 4 2009, 2:14 PM

nicrunchtalk: Hi again...I'm just noticing that there are a few 'guest' users watching the chatroom currently. You will not be able to add any comment until you log into the chatroom (using your full name please) as per the instructions above. Other than that, feel free to watch... thanks.



Mar 4 2009, 2:31 PM

Stratagem (guest): Hello MarkC welcome to the webchat



Mar 4 2009, 2:41 PM

mark: Thank you - I'll br



Mar 4 2009, 2:42 PM

mark: back for the start. Am most interested in the effect that Victoria Square has had on life in the city



Mar 4 2009, 2:44 PM

nicrunchtalk: It depends which way you look at it - it attracted huge numbers of shoppers from the South during and after Christmas, but did take a lot of customers from other Belfast retailers.



Mar 4 2009, 2:45 PM

nicrunchtalk: But that is a question you can ask the Minister when she arrives



Mar 4 2009, 2:47 PM

Stratagem (guest): Hello Zoe. Welcome to the chatroom. We will be beginning soon.



Mar 4 2009, 2:49 PM

ZoeAnderson: Hi, sorry I logged off by accident! Am back now!



Mar 4 2009, 2:49 PM

ZoeAnderson: I was trying to change my 'name' to my full name but it won't let me.



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nicrunchtalk: try putting an underscore between first and surname!



Mar 4 2009, 2:50 PM

GaryPreston (guest): Hi, just checking that I can post in the chatroom



Mar 4 2009, 2:50 PM

nicrunchtalk: Hi Gary...welcome aboard#



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GaryPreston (guest): Thanks



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ZoeAnderson: It is keeping me logged in as Zoe when I hoped it would let me log in again and change it.



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nicrunchtalk: Well tell us in here and we will all know



Mar 4 2009, 2:51 PM

ZoeAnderson: Good idea! I'm Zoe Anderson and I work for Access to Benefits. I've posted a few times on the NI Crunch Talk site.



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nicrunchtalk: Hello Anne



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AnneMcCann (guest): Thanks



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nicrunchtalk: Welcome John



Mar 4 2009, 2:55 PM

nicrunchtalk: Thanks everyone for coming in to the chatroom - the Minister is on her way and will be available for questions soon.



Mar 4 2009, 2:55 PM

johnmcmullan (guest): Hello, just seeing if it works for me



Mar 4 2009, 2:55 PM

johnmcmullan (guest): XInt!#



Mar 4 2009, 2:56 PM

nicrunchtalk: You will all be pleased that there is no prize for spelling!



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ZoeAnderson: I'm a little disappointed!



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nicrunchtalk: Or detention for bad spelling



Mar 4 2009, 2:57 PM

johnmcmullan (guest): Cut & paste works for me



Mar 4 2009, 2:57 PM

AnneMcCann (guest): Hi John long time no see hope you are well!



Mar 4 2009, 2:58 PM

nicrunchtalk: No talking in the class room !!!



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nicrunchtalk: lol



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johnmcmullan (guest): Too early in the week to know yet



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RichardMoore (guest): Hello all



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nicrunchtalk: Hi Richard



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nicrunchtalk: Hello Frank



Mar 4 2009, 3:00 PM

AnneMcCann (guest): apologies !



Mar 4 2009, 3:00 PM

johnmcmullan (guest): Anne words are difficult enough but showing off with symbols



Mar 4 2009, 3:01 PM

Frank_Bryan (guest): Hi, so this is what internet dating is like?



Mar 4 2009, 3:01 PM

nicrunchtalk: The smiley did cause a stir in here too



Mar 4 2009, 3:01 PM

Joanne_Stuart (guest): Hello everybody and welcome to the first of our on-line discussions with our local Ministers. I am Joanne Stuart, Chairman of the IoD in NI, and I will be chairing the discussion today



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Joanne_Stuart (guest): We should be ready to get started in a couple of minutes



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johnmcmullan (guest): no better person



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Joanne_Stuart (guest): Thanks!



Mar 4 2009, 3:02 PM

Stratagem (guest): Hello Linda and Lorraine. Welcome to the chatroom.



Mar 4 2009, 3:03 PM

PaulRoche (guest): If anyone is struggling logging in, make sure there is not a space at the end of your name ! it got me



Mar 4 2009, 3:06 PM

nicrunchtalk: This is the first time that the IOD has held an on line chat anywhere in the UK



Mar 4 2009, 3:06 PM

johnmcmullan (guest): we're much better at doing things here



Mar 4 2009, 3:07 PM

ZoeAnderson: I have to say I really like the idea



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AnneMcCann (guest): Me too very forward thinking



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Joanne_Stuart (guest): I am delighted to welcome Margaret Ritchie, MLA, Minister of the Department for Social Development



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johnmcmullan (guest): there's that smiley face again is this facebook?



Mar 4 2009, 3:09 PM

Joanne_Stuart (guest): The Minister's portfolio covers a number of areas that has an impact on the economy, and is therefore of interest to our members, especially in the current climate.



Mar 4 2009, 3:10 PM

nicrunchtalk: Hi iam going to pass this over to Joanne as her connection is slightly weak...NI Crunchtalk is now Joanne



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AlanWatson (guest): joining in



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nicrunchtalk: Minister, welcome to Nlcrunchtalk and thank you for agreeing to take part in our first online discussion



Mar 4 2009, 3:12 PM

Margaret_Ritchie (guest): Hello this is Margaret Ritchie, Minister for Social Development. I am delighted to be participating today and answering questions on the Department for Social Development's portfolio.



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Margaret_Ritchie (guest): Fire away with your questions!



Mar 4 2009, 3:12 PM

nicrunchtalk: Thank you Minister. To get the discussion started, lets start with at Social Housing



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nicrunchtalk: Paul, I know you have a question on this subject



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PaulRoche (guest): Hello Minister

An additional £205M of funding was secured in January for social housing. 1,500 new starts this year and 2000 in each of the next 2 years.

What is the progress on the roll-out of the program, and will you achieve your target of 1500 new starts this year? Also what scope have you got and what is the likelihood of you using some of that funding to buy up appropriate unsold new properties from developers (probably at a discount), I think you did do something similar some time ago, but it



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PaulRoche (guest): could get great value for government, quick turnaround and also allow some developers to move onto new projects.



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Margaret_Ritchie (guest): For some time now, I have been flagging up the shortfall in the Housing Budget. It was based on capital receipts, but the economic downturn has left a substantial hole in the budget.



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Margaret_Ritchie (guest): This year we will be completing 1100 starts - the 400 shortfall will be rolled forward and take priority in April.



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Margaret_Ritchie (guest): DSD do buy off-the-shelf houses, but certain conditions need to be fulfilled - right house, right place, right standard.



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nicrunchtalk: Any comments?



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nicrunchtalk: Affordable housing is a real issue compounded by the difficulty in getting mortgages



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nicrunchtalk: The first time buyer market needs to be kickstarted



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nicrunchtalk: What is your department doing to enable people to buy their own houses



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Margaret_Ritchie (guest): Last year we spent a record amount of money on co-ownership - £80 million which addressed the backlog.



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PaulRoche (guest): I am interested to know if the Department is working with the rest of Government to put pressure on banks to help the market too.



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Margaret_Ritchie (guest): This year we started with £15 million - which levered in £35 million from the Bank of Ireland. We have met all the demand so far this year.



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Margaret_Ritchie (guest): The Own a Home Initiative in Portadown is in conjunction with Barclays Bank.



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allanleonard (guest): Hello Minister, to encourage first time home buyers, would you support a suspension in the stamp duty?



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allanleonard (guest): ... just for such first time buyers, that is.



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Margaret_Ritchie (guest): I am asking officials to pursue the possibilities of engaging with Northern Rock with regard to mortgages - following their announcement lasy week.



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Margaret_Ritchie (guest): Stamp duty is not the issue in this particular case - it is the availability of credit for people who wish to buy their own home.



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nicrunchtalk: Any other comments on this subject before we move on?



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allanleonard (guest): yes, please...



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nicrunchtalk: Go ahead Allan



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allanleonard (guest): Minister, what about discussion on converting/upgrading the Post Office to provide fuller banking services?



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allanleonard (guest): i could see social/community benefits with this.



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Margaret_Ritchie (guest): Not my responsibility, but why not let all organisations develop products that help people.



Mar 4 2009, 3:25 PM

markc: Hello Minister

Do you have any indication that people from different faiths are having relationships/getting married or living together more these days ?



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Margaret_Ritchie (guest): I expect a big debate on housing finance in the next 6 months.



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nicrunchtalk: Thanks for your comments on that subject, Minister



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nicrunchtalk: Let's move onto Fuel Poverty



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johnmcmullan (guest): Minister, last week saw the announcement that £22.4M to be paid out (£150) to 150,000 vulnerable fuel poor households. The original recommendation was to pay as a credit to household energy bills. Is making the payment as cash within benefit payments not an opportunity lost to target the payments better (a credit), negotiate a discount from energy suppliers, getting better value for money for NI tax payers and recipients?



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Margaret_Ritchie (guest): Hello John - good to hear from you. Many thanks for all your help with the Fuel Poverty Taskforce.



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johnmcmullan (guest): very Kind of you thanks



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Margaret_Ritchie (guest): Take you point - I would have preferred a credit - that was my original proposal. But we couldn't succeed without OFMDFM agreement and I was more than happy to have the money to make a fuel payment. That was quite a battle!!



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johnmcmullan (guest): I do understand but officials don't get it we need value for our money



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nicrunchtalk: We would have liked to see some of the money spent of fuel efficiency in homes which would have helped the local economy as well



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GaryPreston (guest): Perhaps I could ask the Minister...Is the Executive doing enough to tackle the issue of fuel price volatility, which can be addressed/assisted by supporting indigenous energy production through methods such as wind power? Does the minister support such alternative power production technologies?



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johnmcmullan (guest): Do you plan to consider this method for future payments, which would include the £50m distributed in winter fuel payments each year?



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Margaret_Ritchie (guest): This relates to the Warm Home Scheme - on which we are spending record amounts of money. Thousands of homes across Northern Ireland have already been helped. We are no refocusing the scheme to meet need.



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Margaret_Ritchie (guest): I support renewable energies, but we don't control fuel prices.



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johnmcmullan (guest): Your support for warm homes is important and it does make a difference



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Margaret_Ritchie (guest): The Winter Fuel Payment is paid directly by HM Treasury.



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johnmcmullan (guest): Minister, What measures, including renewables or micro-generation is your Department introducing into all new build social-housing to ensure new houses are more efficient and cheaper to heat?



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Margaret_Ritchie (guest): But I take the point that it is sometimes paid to people who don't actually need it. I am in ongoing talks with James Purnell about issues like this.



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ZoeAnderson: Minister, Because unclaimed benefit represents money lost to the Northern Ireland economy as well as individuals (because it's not block grant money), we're worried that the loss of Pension Advisers may make it harder to identify those most vulnerable entitled non-recipients, like isolated older people. What are the Social Security Agency's plans to improve this?



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Margaret_Ritchie (guest): To complement the Warm Homes Scheme, the Housing Executive use wood pellet boilers. All new homes are built to Code 3 standard.



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Margaret_Ritchie (guest): We are running a very successful Benefit Uptake Campaign - more and more people are accessing the benefits system. And we are always seeking improvement.



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nicrunchtalk: Any follow-ups



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Margaret_Ritchie (guest): Remember, I want everyone who is entitled to a benefit to claim it.



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nicrunchtalk: We have a high % of economically inactive in NI



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nicrunchtalk: 27% with 20% on incapacity



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ZoeAnderson: I think that while the uptake campaign is very useful, more can still be done to target the most isolated. After all, if Pension Credit is to be a passport to the new fuel payment, you will miss out if you don't claim that in the first place.



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nicrunchtalk: What initiatives are the department running to bring down these numbers



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Margaret_Ritchie (guest): This ties in with the Employment Support Allowance, which encourages people to return to the workplace if they are able to.



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nicrunchtalk: Any other comments on this?



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RichardMoore (guest): With regard to our very high levels of benefit claimants and particularly incapacity benefit, 2 specific problems appear to be

(a) The lack of medical knowledge or expertise on the tribunals with the result that doctors' reports are either misunderstood or even ignored.

(b) A number of advisory organisations, including 'official' state-sponsored advisory organisations, seem to see their role as not just advising potential claimants, but actively steering them so as to 'beat the system'.

It is we



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RichardMoore (guest): It is well known in housing estates that fraud is widespread, and this of itself is very demoralising for those endeavouring to be good citizens, especially the lower paid – politically, the great majority would support firmer mechanisms for assessing and adjudicating benefit claims



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Margaret_Ritchie (guest): A very quick comment - we are trying to further professionalise the advice sector.



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johnmcmullan (guest): Yes and job opportunities that don't fit them we need a regional programme to retro fit all our housing stock to the highest level of energy efficiency - new semiskilled jobs and local business and economy will prosper



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JillCulbertson (guest): I agree with Richard, there are high levels of people who know how to play and beat the system, whilst many of the more needy people who do not lose out. Exactly how is this being combatted?



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Margaret_Ritchie (guest): Hello Richard. I am pleased to say that we have record low levels of fraud and error in the benefits system.



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Margaret_Ritchie (guest): To John on jobs - I fully support initiatives to support the green economy and to create jobs.



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ZoeAnderson: I agree with Jill's point. Many of our older people are scared to claim benefits because of all the publicity around fraud so there needs to be some balance.



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Margaret_Ritchie (guest): We are working on proposals.



Mar 4 2009, 3:40 PM

mark: Minister,
Victoria Square is a great addition to the city.
But what have been the economic and social effects of it since opening?



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johnmcmullan (guest): Yes we need a green new deal for NI and get people working



Mar 4 2009, 3:40 PM

Margaret_Ritchie (guest): Victoria Square is a vote of confidence in Belfast.



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liamsquire (guest): People will claim benefits if things are simple. Too often, claiming benefits can be a hassle to many, particularly the elderly. This means valuable money is not being claimed by the people who need it.



Mar 4 2009, 3:41 PM

nicrunchtalk: Thanks Minister, Mark's question moves us into Urban Regeneration



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Linda_Brown (guest): With regard to Urban Regeneration, the IoD thinking believe the features that combined to make Laganside a success could and should be applied again to accelerate the process of urban regeneration. This is position we outlined to the Minister last year. What are your thoughts on replicating this model for Belfast and other areas such as Derry/Letterkenny and Newry/Dundalk where a cross-border dimension would make the model even more relevant?



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Margaret_Ritchie (guest): There is already work taking place between Newry and Dundalk and between Derry and Letterkenny through Ilex.



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Margaret_Ritchie (guest): We also have RPA and urban regeneration delivery will transfer to the 11 new councils.



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johnmcmullan (guest): Are the councils able for this?



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Margaret_Ritchie (guest): I am open to the best possible model for delivery.



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Margaret_Ritchie (guest): I have every confidence in our elected representatives.



Mar 4 2009, 3:44 PM

nicrunchtalk: Would anybody else like to comment on this?



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johnmcmullan (guest): Nice response!



Mar 4 2009, 3:45 PM

nicrunchtalk: OK, moving on, DSD were instrumental in bringing home the SS Nomadic, the IoD Charity of the Year, what is the progress on the restoration programme?



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Margaret_Ritchie (guest): This is a great project and it is moving ahead.



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nicrunchtalk: The SS Nomadic is part of our tourism package, how is DSD working with DCAL and DETI to ensure joined up tourism?



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Margaret_Ritchie (guest): We meet regularly with NITB. To give an example - DSD are working with DETI and NITB on the St Patrick's Signature Project and the Walled City Project in Derry.



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Margaret_Ritchie (guest): We don't make enough of the Patrick story and its link to regeneration and tourism.



Mar 4 2009, 3:49 PM

Margaret_Ritchie (guest): We should invest more in tourism, because the fall in the value of the pound offers more growth potential.



Mar 4 2009, 3:50 PM

nicrunchtalk: Thanks Minister, in general is there anything you believe that the Business community could be doing



Mar 4 2009, 3:51 PM

Margaret_Ritchie (guest): Tell me what you want of me and DSD - in detail - and I'll get back to you!



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nicrunchtalk: Has anybody else any questions they want to ask?



Mar 4 2009, 3:51 PM

JRW (guest): Hello Minister, DSD committed to achieving efficiencies of £13.6m, £27.5m and £49.5m 05-08. How has DSD performed against these targets?



Mar 4 2009, 3:51 PM

RichardMoore (guest): Tourism Ireland ran a very large ad in The Times recently showing a map of Ireland which didn't even have Belfast marked on it! Unless this is part of some sort of a series, it was very puzzling.



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Margaret_Ritchie (guest): To JRW - we have achieved our efficiency targets.



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johnmcmullan (guest): Minister, we have too many voluntary/community bodies looking for grants from a deminishing pot. What needs to be done in public service procurement to support social enterprise development moving organisations away from the grant culture



Mar 4 2009, 3:52 PM

liamsquire (guest): Minister, I've missed the earlier chat, but want to follow up with, regarding social housing - surely it makes sense to start putting money into building social housing now thus ensuring jobs for construction workers and securing income for other industries that thrive off housing development.



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Margaret_Ritchie (guest): We need exemplars like Bryson House



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JRW (guest): Thanks minister, staff estimates of 730 reductions between 05 and 08 were planned - were these achieved?



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Margaret_Ritchie (guest): Liam, I couldn't agree more



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Margaret_Ritchie (guest): JRW - yes they have



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johnmcmullan (guest): Do you see Vol/comm organisations in joint ventures with local business delivering public services in the future?



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Margaret_Ritchie (guest): Absolutely, it is a sustainable model.



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nicrunchtalk: We are coming to end of our on-line discussion, any final questions?



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GaryPreston (guest): In reference to my earlier question, Is it time that the Executive took the lead in promoting renewable energy by strongly supporting renewable technologies such as wind power, to ensure we have a sustainable alternative energy production supply for the future rather than total reliance on imported fossil fuel generation?



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johnmcmullan (guest): Gary question for Deti



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Margaret_Ritchie (guest): Yes and we need the grid companies to help make this possible



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allanleonard (guest): Re voluntary and community orgs in joint ventures, any specific examples you would like to highlight, Minister?



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liamsquire (guest): Minister, thank you for the reply. Is there any more movement on the building of social housing? Last i read, money was being taken from this pot to help with energy costs. has this set back any plans you may have had?



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Margaret_Ritchie (guest): Housing Rights - to help people facing mortgage repossession.



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Margaret_Ritchie (guest): The issue, Liam, is the lack of capital receipts and house sales.



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nicrunchtalk: Minister, do you have any final comments?



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Margaret_Ritchie (guest): Thanks to everyone. I've really enjoyed my first experience on NI Crunch Talk. To sum up, we need 200 million pounds for housing and we will make every pound stretch as far as it can. Farewell Crunch Talkers!



Mar 4 2009, 3:59 PM

nicrunchtalk: I would like to thank everybody for their contribution in making this a lively debate. I would especially like to thank the Minister for her time and her openness in using the technology to engage with the business community



Mar 4 2009, 3:59 PM

liamsquire (guest): Thank you for the opportunity Minister and NI Crunch Talk.



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allanleonard (guest): @nicrunchtalk: congratulations, job well done!



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nicrunchtalk: I look forward to seeing you all on-line for our next Ministerial discussion!



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johnmcmullan (guest): XInt!



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nicrunchtalk: How hip are you John!!



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GaryPreston (guest): Thank you Minister and CrunchTalk!



Mar 4 2009, 4:01 PM

ZoeAnderson: Is there any way of getting a transcript of the whole discussion? I was just going to copy and paste but the chat window only seems to hold a certain number of messages so most of the content is gone.



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Frank_Bryan (guest): Joanne, Linda et al job well done! Bye for now.



Mar 4 2009, 4:01 PM

PaulRoche (guest): That was good, maybe with 30 on-line we should really be able to use this whole environment to work better together, my blog is still open on it



Mar 4 2009, 4:02 PM

AnneMcCann (guest): Most interesting looking forward to the next session..



Mar 4 2009, 4:02 PM

liamsquire (guest): I thought it started at 4! So missed quite a bit.



Mar 4 2009, 4:04 PM

Stratagem (guest): Today's webchat with the Minister will be posted on NI Crunch Talk as a PDF tomorrow.



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ZoeAnderson: Oh that's brilliant - thanks! Bye!

