

The DUP wishes to make the following points:

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1. The necessity of a definition of what the "negotiations" mean, in regard to interpreting the present law.
2. What is the distinction between Talks Process and the "negotiations"?
3. Are negotiations between governments and other parties to which a third party has no place, to be reckoned to be beyond the scope of comment by that outside party because of the Confidentiality Rule?
4. Definition of what documents are actually in the public domain.
5. Mr Robinson will let you have himself his proposal on reference to the Business Committee role in briefings. The thrust of this is simply that the Chairman consults the Business Committee on this particular issue and that the briefing that he gives will be agreed by the Committee and they will take full responsibility for it.