

**Roundtable Brainstorming on Issues
to be Covered at Second Weekend (8-9 July 2017)
Sunday 11 June at 11.45am**

The secretariat has prepared this paper in anticipation of the roundtable brainstorming session on Sunday morning. The purpose of the session is to hear from the members which areas of the vast topic of “how we best respond to the challenges of an ageing population” they would like to examine in greater detail at the second and final weekend the Assembly will consider this topic on 8-9 July.

A summary of the submissions received on this topic has been distributed which outlines the key issues which arose most frequently. The submissions are an invaluable source of information and you may find they guide you in your thinking for this discussion.

This weekend's focus on **long-term care and facilitating independent living** was driven by early indications that this was going to be one of the most popular subject matters raised in the submissions.

In consultation with the Expert Advisory Group and with regard to the submissions received, the Chair believes that the areas that would benefit from examination by the Assembly and where policy discourse could potentially be advanced are **income, pensions and retirement**.

Please use the brainstorming session to consider the following points:

1. **Do you agree that the areas of *income, pensions and retirement* merit the Assembly's consideration at the next meeting? If so, what particular questions or issues relating to *incomes, pensions and retirement* do you think it would be most important to focus our attention on?**
2. **Are there other areas that the Assembly could consider and ultimately make recommendations on?**
3. **Who do you want to hear from?** Are there particular experts or perspectives that you would like to hear from? In this regard the Chair is of the view that inviting non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and advocacy groups that work with and advocate on behalf of older people to present at the next weekend could aid understanding of the reality of the situation on the ground. In accordance with the Assembly's rules and procedures, following receipt of submissions on any matter, the Assembly may choose to hear oral presentations from any representative group or individual to assist in its deliberations. A list of NGOs and advocacy groups that made submissions to the Assembly is at appendix 1 of the summary document on submissions. Suggestions from members as to which groups/bodies from this list they would like to hear from would be welcome.