

Report of visit by Acting Chairman to the USA for events associated with the St Patrick's Day period.

The Acting Chairman visited Washington from 15th-18th March 2010 for the purpose of attending a variety of events and functions as listed. He was accompanied by the Chief Constable and his Staff Officer.

- Event hosted by Declan Kelly, "Growth & Investment Opportunities for Northern Ireland."
- Meeting with Toby Bradley, Director for NATO & Western European Affairs, National Security Council.
- Meeting with Chuck Wexler, Police Executive Research Forum.
- American Ireland Fund Dinner attended by President and Hilary Clinton.
- Meeting with Congressman Ritchie Neal, (Democrat-Massachusetts).
- Breakfast Reception hosted by the Northern Ireland Bureau.
- Reception and Luncheon hosted by Nancy Pelosi, Speaker, US House of Representatives.
- 2010 Northern Ireland Roundtable, Discussion on Conflict Resolution.
- Irish Embassy Reception.
- White House Reception hosted by President Obama and The First Lady.
- Friends of Ireland Breakfast hosted by Congressman Richie Neal.

There was significant interest in the ongoing political developments in Northern Ireland at all of the events especially those involving the Devolution of Policing and Justice.

The Acting Chairman and the Chief Constable had opportunities to update many of the attendees at the various events regarding the devolution of Policing and Justice and the election of a Minister of Justice on 12th April 2010.

There was also considerable interest shown in the inward investment opportunities and the announcement of new jobs as a result by Minister Foster.

Industrialists and representatives of Northern Ireland companies appreciated the developments in the peace process which they believed provided a more stable society and therefore a more suitable environment for further investment.