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**TO: JOHN FISHER**  
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**TRANSITION PROGRAMME - SEMINAR/WORKSHOP SERIES**  
**NORTH/SOUTH CO-OPERATION**

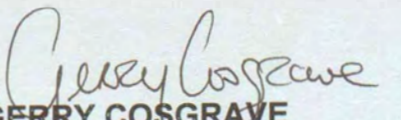
1. Further to our telephone conversation this afternoon I am writing to seek your assistance in putting me in contact with a representative on the Irish Side who might take responsibility for designing a seminar/workshop on North/South Co-Operation.

**Background**

2. The Seminar will be one of a series of such events that the Secretary of State is keen to offer to newly-elected Assembly members between July-November 1998. She is convinced that the North/South seminars (which could be repeated as required) are pivotal to the Programme and is anxious that the Irish, in collaboration with colleagues in the North, play a full part in their design and delivery.
3. The Programme is made up of 3 complementary components:
  - Seminar/Workshop series
  - International Programme
  - Supplementary Programme

An outline schedule for the Programme, with dates for when the events might run, is attached.

4. I would be grateful if you could give this matter your urgent attention. I am being pressed to have preliminary seminar designs by the end of June. I need to speak as soon as possible to someone who will either take responsibility for the North/South element of the Programme or who can help me make contact with others who will. I am available to meet at very short notice and I look forward to hearing from you.

  
**GERRY COSGRAVE**

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# TRANSITION PROGRAMME

<i>Components</i>		<i>Dates</i>	<i>Overview to Parties</i>	<i>Consultation Period</i>	<i>Finalised Programme</i>
<b>SEMINAR/WORKSHOP SERIES</b>	<b>CORE</b>	30 July to 3 Sept	29 June	30 June to 6 July	10 July
	<b>FUNCTIONAL</b>	10 Sept to 12 Nov	29 June		31 July
<b>INTERNATIONAL</b>	<b>NORTH AMERICA</b>	18 to 26 Sept	29 June		
	<b>BRUSSELS</b>	4 to 6 Nov	29 June		
<b>SUPPLEMENTARY</b>	<b>VISITS/EVENTS</b>	ONGOING	29 June		
	<b>CALENDAR</b>	ONGOING	29 June		29 June (July/August) Monthly thereafter

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**Possible Model of Seminar On North/South Co-operation for Assembly Members**  
**4 September, Europa Hotel**

Co-Chairs: Sir George Quigley and Professor John Bradley

09.30-10.00 **Introductory Remarks by Co-Chairs**

10.00-11.15 **Comparison of Public Administration Systems North and South**

**Panel:** Rep of IPA (eg Richard Boyle) (on Southern Service)  
Dáil/Seanad Staff Member (on Parliamentary system in South)  
Expert on Northern Public Service  
Expert on Assembly

**Format:** First two panellists above would speak for 15 minutes each, followed by Q+A involving all four panellists (because Assembly Members will already have undertaken Seminar on Northern Public Service, not necessary that third and fourth panellist above have a formal speaking slot)

11.15-11.30 **Break**

11.30-12.30 **Existing North/South Co-operation**

**Panel:** Two officials from South (D/FA, D/Taoiseach)  
Two officials from NIO/NI Civil Service

**Format:** Each side speak for 15 minutes, followed by Q+A.

12.30-13.45 **Lunch**

13.45-15.15 **Workshops on Three Areas of Co-operation Between Administrations North and South - eg Agriculture, Health and Tourism**

**Panel:** Officials of each of the three Departments, North and South (plus of any appropriate semi-states - eg BFE/NITB)

**Format:** Workshops take place in parallel. In each case 15 minute presentations by each side, North and South, followed by Q+A

15.15-15.30 **Break**

15.30-17.00 **Workshops on Private Sector Perspective on N/S Co-operation**

Four workshops, taking place in parallel.

**Agriculture**

**Panel:** Reps of IFA, UFU, ICMSA, NIAPA

**Industry/Business**

**Panel:** Reps of CBI, IBEC, Chambers of Commerce, N and S

**Labour**

**Panel:** Reps of ICTU

**Voluntary and Community**

**Panel:** Reps of Groups in sector (eg NIVT, Co-operation North, Combat Poverty, Irish National Organisation of the Unemployed, Stephan Rourke (expert in voluntary sector work))  
*Glenn Smith*

**Format:** Five minute presentations by each panellist, followed by Q+A

17.00-17.30 **Closing Plenary Session**