

## Introduction

The Northern Ireland Assembly Education Service website provides information and resources for students studying CCEA GCE Government and Politics.

Developed in partnership with CCEA,

**Post 16 > The Assembly & Executive** targets:

### CCEA GCE Government and Politics

**Unit AS 1: The Government and Politics of Northern Ireland**  
**The Government of Northern Ireland**

**Students should be able to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of:**

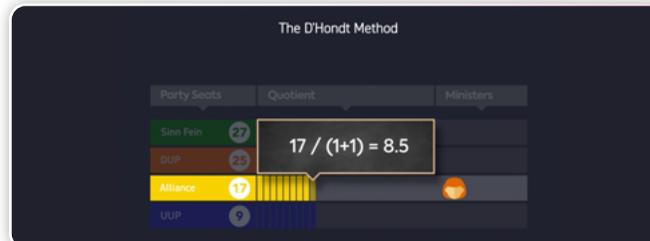
- the government of Northern Ireland since 1998 including political arrangements such as direct rule and devolution of power to the Northern Ireland Assembly; and
- a range of political concepts such as democracy, power, authority, democratic deficit and power sharing and apply these in the political context of Northern Ireland and how parties have changed since 1998.



The Assembly and Executive

## Online Activity

The Executive Committee is the Government of Northern Ireland. Ministers on the Executive are drawn from the Assembly and are responsible for day to day government operational decisions in Northern Ireland. The Assembly is the legislative body, which passes laws and holds the Ministers to account. This animation explains the different roles the Assembly and the Executive play. It also demonstrates important concepts such as the D'Hondt process, how the First and deputy First Minister are chosen, and scrutiny.



## How to use the Multimedia

Use the Assembly & Executive animation to support knowledge and understanding of the government of Northern Ireland and some related concepts.

To play the animation full screen, click:

- the full screen icon in the bottom corner of the player; and
- the 'esc' key on the keyboard to exit full screen mode.

## Web Resources

You will find information about the structure and work of the government of Northern Ireland on The Assembly & Executive web page:

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