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Question 1

What should the future size of the Northern Ireland Assembly be?

No larger than 80 – 5 seats per constituency post boundary reform.

Question 2

Do you believe that there should be combination of Parliamentary and Assembly elections in 2015 or should these be decoupled?

If the Chief Electoral Officer is content he can cope then both elections on the same day to avoid another day of disruption – I believe this would also increase turnout.

Question 3

Do you think the term of the current Northern Ireland Assembly should be extended from 2015 to 2016?

No – keep in line with Parliamentary elections.

Question 4

Should the Northern Ireland Assembly move to a fixed 5-year term permanently?

Yes - keep in line with Parliamentary terms.

Question 5

Do you believe that representatives should be prohibited from holding the offices of MP and MLA at the same time?

Yes.

Question 6

Should MLAs also be prohibited from being members of the House of Lords?

Yes.

Question 7

Is it better to use primary legislation to ban such practices outright at the earliest opportunity or to take a power to do so at a later date to allow space for agreement to be reached?

Yes – end it outright at the earliest opportunity by primary legislation.

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