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The Rt Hon Hugo Swire MP

WEDNESDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2011

The Rt Hon Hugo Swire MP, having been appointed by Order, was sworn in yesterday as a member of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council by The Queen at Buckingham Palace.



The Privy Council goes back to the earliest days of the Monarchy, when it comprised those appointed by the King or Queen to advise on matters of state. As the constitution developed into today's constitutional monarchy, under which The Sovereign acts on the advice of Ministers, so the Privy Council adapted. Its day to day business is transacted by those of Her Majesty's Ministers who are Privy Counsellors, that is all Cabinet Ministers and a number of junior Ministers. Membership of the Privy Council brings with it the right to be called "Right Honourable".

News Releases

Paterson Condemns Attack on Dolores Kelly

FRIDAY 15 APRIL 2011

**PATERSON ATTENDS ROYAL IRISH
REGIMENT HOMECOMING EVENTS IN
MARKET DRAYTON AND SHREWSBURY**

TUESDAY 12 APRIL 2011

**Heed the Words of Cardinal Brady -
Paterson**

WEDNESDAY 6 APRIL 2011

**Written Ministerial Statement - Publication of
the Report of the Rosemary Nelson Inquiry**

TUESDAY 5 APRIL 2011

**Written Ministerial Statement - Two Year
Extension to Non Jury Trial System**

TUESDAY 5 APRIL 2011

**Owen Paterson - Oral Statement on the
Murder of Police Constable Ronan Kerr**

MONDAY 4 APRIL 2011

The Privy Council still meets regularly, on average once a month, but, as with the Cabinet, most of its business is transacted in discussion and correspondence between its Ministerial members and the Government Departments that advise them.