

## Northern Ireland's DUP and Conservative agreement

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**London, ENGLAND:** Northern Ireland's Democratic Unionist Party (DUP) has signed an agreement at Downing Street to support a minority Conservative government after several weeks of post-election negotiations.

Prime Minister Theresa May MP hailed the deal as a "very, very good one" and insisted her party shares "many values" with Northern Irish Members of Parliament (MPs).

DUP leader Arlene Foster said she was "delighted" with the arrangement that secures £1.5bn in new spending power in return for support in the House of Commons.

The financial support of £1bn in the next two years and new flexibilities on almost £500m previously committed to Northern Ireland is as follows:

- £400m for infrastructure projects
- £200m for improvement of health service
- £150m for ultra-fast broadband
- £100m to address immediate pressures in health and education
- £100m for tackling deprivation (over five years)
- £50m for mental health services (over five years)



L-R: DUP deputy leader Nigel Dodds MP; DUP leader Arlene Foster MLA; DUP Sir Jeffrey Donaldson MP; Conservative chief whip Gavin Williamson MP; Prime Minister Theresa May MP and Damian Green MP, first secretary of state, at 10 Downing Street, London