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Below the summaries and links we spoke about, let me know if you need any more information on any of this.

### **Brexit and the Future of Ireland: Uniting Ireland & Its People in Peace & Prosperity**

This is the first ever report by a Dáil and Senate Committee on the issue of Uniting Ireland and its People in Peace & Prosperity, which I was tasked with compiling for the Joint Oireachtas Committee on the Implementation of the Good Friday Agreement. The all-party committee adopted the report unanimously, along with its 17 recommendations. I have been working on these recommendations with appropriate experts in their fields to ensure progress. The link to the full report is <https://senatormarkdaly.org/uniting-ireland-in-peace-prosperity/>

### **Unionist Concerns and Fears of a United Ireland: The Need to Protect the Peace Process & Build a Vision for a Shared Island & a United People**

This report is the result of 18 months of research and conversations with members of the protestant, unionist and loyalist communities and includes contributions from Reverend Kyle Paisley, the son of the founder of the DUP Reverend Ian Paisley, Trevor Ringland, former Ireland rugby international, Michael Nesbitt, leader of the UUP (2012-2017) as well as former Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, Dr Norman Hamilton OBE, unionist politicians and community activists. Dr James Wilson, a former member of the British army who served in Northern Ireland during the Troubles, was commissioned to conduct focus groups with members of the Independent Orange Order, a Loyalist FI

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report with Gunther Thumann, the Senior economist at the German desk of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) during German reunification. Our report shows that Northern Ireland starts on a near balanced budget in a unification scenario. The link to the full report is <https://senatormarkdaly.files.wordpress.com/2019/01/research-on-northern-ireland-income-and-expenditure-1.pdf>

### **Northern Ireland Returning to Violence as a Result of a Hard Border due to Brexit or a Rushed Border Poll: Risk to Youth**

The Joint Committee on the Implementation of the Good Friday Agreement's other recommendations included 'Establish an international task force with experts in security so that plans to meet any risks may be devised and implemented.' In February of 2019 I worked on compilation