

COMMITTEE FOR AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY 1 DECEMBER 2015
ROOM 30, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

- Present: Mr William Irwin MLA (Chairperson)
Mr Joe Byrne MLA (Deputy Chairperson)
Mr Sydney Anderson MLA
Mrs Jo-Anne Dobson MLA
Mr Declan McAleer MLA
Mr Kieran McCarthy MLA
Mr Ian McCrea MLA
Mr Oliver McMullan MLA
Mr Ian Milne MLA
Mr Edwin Poots MLA
Mr Robin Swann MLA
- In attendance: Ms Stella McArdle, Committee Clerk
Mr Mark O'Hare, Clerical Supervisor
Ms Marion Johnson, Clerical Officer
Ms Amy Barr, Legislative Studies & Practice Student

1.38 p.m. *The meeting commenced in Closed Session.*

1.45 p.m. *Mr Anderson joined the meeting*

1.50 p.m. *Mr McAleer joined the meeting*

2.10 p.m. *Mr Milne left the meeting.*

2. **Committee Discussion: Fisheries Bill**

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Minister for Agriculture and Rural Development regarding concerns it had with the timeframe for the Fisheries Bill.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure asking if it is prepared to undertake the scrutiny of and report on the clauses relevant to its remit.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to hold an all-day meeting on 8th December to allow scrutiny of the Fisheries Bill.