

COMMITTEE FOR AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**TUESDAY 12 JANUARY 2016
ROOM 30, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS**

Present: Mr William Irwin MLA (Chairperson)
Mr Sydney Anderson 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
Ms Lynda Conlon, Assistant Assembly Clerk
Mr Mark O'Hare, Clerical Supervisor
Ms Marion Johnson, Clerical Officer

10.08 a.m. The meeting commenced in Open Session.

10.29 a.m. Mr McCrea joined the meeting.

10.29 a.m. Mr McCarthy left the meeting.

10.31 a.m. Mr McAleer left the meeting.

10.31 a.m. The meeting suspended.

10.33 p.m. The meeting resumed in Open Session with the following Members in attendance: Mr Irwin; Mr Anderson; Mr McAleer; Mr McCrea; and

10.46 a.m. The meeting suspended.

11.03 p.m. The meeting resumed in Open Session with the following Members in attendance: Mr Irwin; Mr Anderson; Mr McCrea; and Mr Milne.

13. Written Briefing RalSe: Fisheries Bill

The Committee considered two Bill papers provided by the Assembly Research Service.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to send paper NIAR 685/2015 'Fisheries Bill - Assessing the Costs' to the Department requesting a written response to the issues raised for meeting 26 January 2016.

14. Oral Briefing DARD: Fisheries Bill

The following Departmental officials joined the meeting at 3.05 p.m.

John Terrington, Fisheries Bill Team, DARD
Paddy Campbell, Sea Fisheries Policy, DARD

The officials briefed the Committee and this was followed by a question and answer session.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to forward the Delegated Powers Memorandum for the Fisheries Bill to the Examiner of Statutory Rules, advising him of the Committee's decision to consider only Clause 6 of the Bill, and requesting his opinion on the Delegated Powers within the Bill.

3.18 p.m. Mr McAleer rejoined the meeting.

3.21 p.m. The officials left the meeting.

3.21 p.m. Mr McAleer left the meeting.

The Committee noted that, in addition to Clause 6, Members will also be required to consider Clause 18(1) and 19 of the Fisheries Bill.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to table notices of intent that Clauses 1 to 5, 7 to 17 and 18(2) not stand part of the Bill.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to invite the Minister to co-sign the notices of intent that Clauses 1 to 5, 7 to 17 and 18(2) not stand part of the Bill in the name of both the Committee and the Minister.

15. Oral Briefing Anglo-North Irish Fish Producers Organisation (ANIFPO): Fisheries Bill

The following representative joined the meeting at 3.23 p.m.

Alan McCulla, Anglo-North Irish Fish Producers Organisation

The representative briefed the Committee and this was followed by a question and answer session.

3.25 p.m. Mr McCarthy rejoined the meeting.

3.25 p.m. Mr Anderson left the meeting.

3.26 p.m. Mr Swann left the meeting.

3.32 p.m. The representative left the meeting.