



**Northern Ireland
Assembly**

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**TUESDAY 20 NOVEMBER, ROOM 29, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS,
BALLYMISCAW, STORMONT**

Present: Mr Pat Sheehan (Deputy Chairperson)
Mr Roy Beggs
Mr Gregory Campbell
Mr Stewart Dickson
Mr Simon Hamilton
Mr Raymond McCartney
Ms Caitriona Ruane

Apologies: Mr Stephen Moutray
Mr Conall McDevitt

In Attendance: Mr John Simmons (Assembly Clerk)
Ms Ursula McCanny (Assistant Assembly Clerk)
Mr John Clerkin (Clerical Officer)
Mr Christopher McNickle (Clerical Officer)

The meeting opened at 11.04am in closed session.

1. Review of Parts III and IV of the Northern Ireland Act in the Context of Reviewing the Size of the NI Assembly and the Number of NI Departments.

Caitriona Ruane joined the meeting at 11.06am.

Raymond McCartney joined the meeting at 11.06am.

Caitriona Ruane left the meeting at 11.10am.

The Committee considered a final draft of the Part 2 Report on its Review on the Size of the Assembly and the Number of NI Departments.

The Committee moved into open session at 11.23am.

2. Apologies

Apologies are detailed above.

3. Minutes of the last meeting

Agreed: The Committee agreed the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 13th November 2012.

4. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

5. Review of Parts III and IV of the Northern Ireland Act in the Context of Reviewing the Size of the NI Assembly and the Number of NI Departments.

The Chairperson advised the Committee that the purpose of this session was to allow the Committee to agree the final draft of the Part 2 Report on the Number of NI Departments and the draft motion for Assembly Plenary debate on the Report.

Agreed: That the covering pages and paragraphs 9-22, the *'Introduction'* section, stands part of the Report.

Agreed: That paragraphs 23-31, the *'Committee's Approach to the Review'* section, stands part of the Report.

Agreed: That paragraphs 32-58, the *'Committee Consideration'* section, stands part of the Report.

Agreed: That paragraphs 59-91, the *'Committee Analysis and Conclusions'* section, stands part of the Report.

Agreed: That paragraphs 1-8, the *'Executive Summary'* section, stands part of the Report.

Agreed: That Appendix 1 of the Report, the Extracts of the Minutes of Proceedings relating to the Review, stands part of the Report.

Agreed: That Appendix 2 of the Report, the Minutes of Evidence (Hansards) relating to the Review, stands part of the Report.

Agreed: That Appendix 3 of the Report, the Stakeholder list and Stakeholder *'Call for Evidence'* paper, stands part of the Report.

Agreed: That Appendix 4 of the Report, Stakeholder Analysis table and the full copies of stakeholders' submissions, stands part of the Report.

Agreed: That Appendix 5 of the Report, Correspondence and Other Papers relating to the Review, stands part of the Report.

Agreed: That Appendix 6 of the Report, Research and Information Service Papers relating to the Review, stands part of the Report.

Agreed: That the Committee secretariat make any changes to typos and the format of the Report as and when necessary, as these have no effect on the substance of the Report and are purely for formatting and accuracy of text purposes.

Agreed: That the Deputy Chairperson of the Committee approve the extract of the minutes of proceedings from today's meeting for inclusion into the Report.

Agreed: That that the first edition of today's Hansard record of the Review be included in the Report.

Agreed: That the Committee secretariat forwards an embargoed, electronic version of the Report as soon as it becomes available – with an appropriate covering letter from the Chairperson – to the Secretary of State, First Minister and deputy First Minister.

Agreed: The wording of the draft motion for debate in Assembly Plenary to be scheduled in Assembly Plenary on 10th or 11th December 2012 (subject to agreement by the Business Committee).

Agreed: To order the Report to be printed and that the Report be embargoed until the debate scheduled in Assembly Plenary (10th or 11th December 2012).

Agreed: That the number of printed copies of the Report be kept to a minimum in the interest of efficiency.

Agreed: That a manuscript copy of the Report be laid with the Business Office by close Wednesday, 21st November 2012.

6. Any Other Business

There were no other items of business.

7. Date, time and place of next meeting

The next meeting of the Assembly and Executive Review Committee will be held on 4th December 2012, at 11.00 am in Room 21, Parliament Buildings.

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 11.28am.

Mr Pat Sheehan
Deputy Chairperson
Assembly and Executive Review Committee