



**Northern Ireland
Assembly**

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**TUESDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 2013, ROOM 21, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS,
BALLYMISCAW, STORMONT**

Present: Mr Stephen Moutray (Chairperson)
Mr Roy Beggs
Mr Gregory Campbell
Mr Stewart Dickson
Mr Raymond McCartney
Mr Seán Rogers
Ms Caitríona Ruane
Mr Pat Sheehan

Apologies: None.

In Attendance: Mr John Simmons (Assembly Clerk)
Ms Ursula McCanny (Assistant Assembly Clerk)
Mr Joseph Westland (Clerical Supervisor)

Mr Raymond McCaffrey (Research Officer)
Mr Michael Potter (Research Officer)

The meeting opened at 10.32am in public session.

1. Apologies

There were no apologies.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

Agreed: The Committee agreed the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 2nd July 2013.

3. Matters Arising

The Chairperson advised Members that Committee meeting packs are now available electronically.

Agreed: It was agreed that, in the short term, Members should receive a hard copy of the meeting folder as well as the electronic version, but that this should be reviewed.

Agreed: Members agreed that they were content with the Members' Attendance figures for 2012-13 as included in the meeting folder.

4. Topic of Committee's Next Review

The Chairperson advised Members that the purpose of this agenda item was to continue the Committee's discussion on the topic of its next review.

The Chairperson referred Members to Assembly Research Briefing Papers entitled '*The Civic Forum*' and '*Women in the Northern Ireland Assembly*' and invited Research Officers from Assembly Research and Information Service to join the meeting.

The Assembly Research Officers joined the meeting at 10.34am.

An Assembly Research Officer briefed the Committee on the Research Paper entitled '*The Civic Forum*'.

Mr Gregory Campbell joined the meeting at 10.40am.

Mr Raymond McCartney left the meeting at 10.45am.

The briefing was followed by a question and answer session.

An Assembly Research Officer briefed the Committee on the Research Paper entitled '*Women in the Northern Ireland Assembly*'.

Mr Stewart Dickson left the meeting at 10.53am.

The briefing was followed by a question and answer session.

The Chairperson thanked the Assembly Research Officers for their briefings and for attending the meeting.

The Assembly Research Officers left the meeting at 11.03am.

The Chairperson advised the Committee that they had the option of moving into closed session to continue this discussion.

Agreed: To move into closed session.

The Committee moved into closed session at 11.03am.

The Committee discussed topics for the Committee's next review.

Ms Cairíona Ruane left the meeting at 11.08am.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that secretariat would provide further information on the subject of Petitions of Concern as its immediate review topic for the autumn 2013 session.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to Mr Conall McDevitt, thanking him for his work on the Committee.

The Committee moved into open session at 11.15am.

5. Forward Work Programme

The Chairperson advised Members that the purpose of this agenda item was for Members to consider the meetings scheduled for the Committee's upcoming Review.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that it was content with the Forward Work Programme as drafted.

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 Tuesday 24th September at 10.30am in room 21.

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 11.16am.

Mr Stephen Moutray, Chairperson

Assembly and Executive Review Committee