



**Northern Ireland
Assembly**

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**TUESDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2014, ROOM 21, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS,
BALLYMISCAW, STORMONT**

Present: Mr Stephen Moutray (Chairperson)
Mr Pat Sheehan (Deputy Chairperson)
Mr Roy Beggs
Ms Paula Bradley
Mr Paul Givan
Mr Raymond McCartney
Ms Caitríona Ruane

In Attendance: Ms Claire McCanny (Senior Assistant Assembly Clerk)
Ms Kate McCullough (Assistant Assembly Clerk)
Mr Jim Nulty (Clerical Supervisor)
Mr Michael Potter (Assembly Research)

The meeting opened at 10.43am in public session.

1. Apologies

Mr Gregory Campbell, Mr. Trevor Lunn, Mr Séan Rogers

2. Minutes of the last meeting

Agreed: The Committee agreed the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 7 October 2014.

3. Matters Arising

Members noted a reminder to Parties to respond to the ‘Call for Evidence’ paper on Women in Politics and the Northern Ireland Assembly.

Members considered the request by Mr. McCallister to brief the Committee on his Private Members Bill.

Agreed: To invite Mr. McCallister to give a briefing to the Committee on 18 November 2014.

Members noted other Matters Arising formed substantive agenda items.

Michael Potter, Assembly Research, joined the meeting at 10.45am

4. Women in Politics and the Northern Ireland Assembly: Research and Information Services

Members considered three research papers provided by Research and Information:

- Research Paper 1: Training and Support Programmes for Women in Politics
- Research Paper 2: Job sharing in Political Representation

Pat Sheehan joined the meeting at 10.57am

Stephen Moutray left the meeting at 10.57am

The Deputy Chairperson took the Chair at 10.57am

- Research Paper 3: Sitting Times in the Swedish Riksdag

The key issues discussed included different training programmes, the pros and cons of job sharing, and childcare within the Riksdag.

Paul Given joined the meeting at 11.13am

Michael Potter left the meeting at 11.16am

Raymond McCartney left the meeting at 11.18am

5. Women in Politics and the Northern Ireland Assembly: Outcome of the Inquiry Event held on 23 October 2014 and the Next Steps

Members noted the outcome report from the Inquiry Event.

Agreed: The Committee thanked the Secretariat Office for the planning and delivery of the Event.

Raymond McCartney joined the meeting at 11.26am

Members considered the presentation made by the Senior Assistant Assembly Clerk with regards to the next steps of the Inquiry.

Agreed: To seek further research on the following:

- The breakdown of gender in public appointments by Departments
- The public appointment process which including training programme

- Additional information on job sharing/twinning/ziping which is relevant to the Northern Ireland Assembly
- Scheduling of voting times in other legislatures in the UK and Ireland

6. Correspondence

Members noted the following items of correspondence:

- A questionnaire on a project by CIFA the Chief Executive Forum and the Chief Executive Forum
- Information on CIPFA Conferences
- Information on the GB Equality Commission on company boards

Members considered a request from the Knowledge Exchange Seminar Series (KESS) to the Committee Chairperson to make the opening remarks on an upcoming seminar on Devolution and Governance.

Agreed: The Chairperson will make the opening remarks on behalf of the Committee.

7. Forward Work Programme

Members considered a draft Forward Work Programme.

Agreed: To adopt the Forward Work Programme

Members considered the statutory obligations to make a report on the operations of the provision of Part III and IV by 1 May 2015.

Agreed: For the Secretariat Office to seek legal advice in relation to the report.

8. Any Other Business

Members noted a Chief Executive Forum event on the 21 November 2014.

9. Date, Time and Place of next Meeting

The next meeting of the Assembly and Executive Review Committee will be held on Tuesday 18 November at 10.30am in room 21.

The Deputy Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 11.45am.

**Mr Pat Sheehan, Deputy Chairperson
Assembly and Executive Review Committee**