



**Northern Ireland  
Assembly**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**TUESDAY 9 DECEMBER 2014, SENATE CHAMBER, PARLIAMENT  
BUILDINGS, BALLYMISCAW, STORMONT**

Present: Mr Stephen Moutray (Chairperson)  
Mr Pat Sheehan  
Ms Paula Bradley  
Mr Gregory Campbell  
Mr Raymond McCartney  
Mr Seán Rogers  
Mr Alastair Ross  
Ms Caitríona Ruane

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

*The meeting opened at 9.34am in public session.*

The Chairperson informed the Committee that Alastair Ross has replaced Paul Givan. The Chairperson welcomed Mr Ross and thanked Mr Givan for his contribution to the Committee.

**1. Apologies**

Mr Trevor Lunn  
Mr Roy Beggs

*Raymond McCartney joined the meeting at 9.36am*

**2. Minutes of the last meeting**

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed the minutes of the Committee meeting held on Tuesday 25 November 2014.

### **3. Matters Arising**

The Committee noted a paper from the Assembly Research and Information Services on a breakdown of Sittings of the Northern Ireland Assembly beyond 6pm.

The Committee noted the submissions from Sinn Fein, the DUP and SDLP in response to the 'Call for Evidence' paper with regards to the inquiry into Women in Politics and the Northern Ireland Assembly.

*Pat Sheehan left the meeting at 9.42am*

*Paula Bradley joined the meeting at 9.42am*

### **4. Committee Report on Parts III and IV of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 – Briefing by Assembly Legal Services**

The Committee considered a paper and briefing by a Legal Advisor from Northern Ireland Assembly Legal Services.

*Agreed:* To write to all Northern Ireland Assembly parties and independent members in relation to the review of the provisions of Parts III and IV of the Northern Ireland Act 1998

### **5. Women in Politics and the Northern Ireland Assembly – Committee Consideration**

The Committee considered draft conclusions and recommendations in relation to the Women in Politics and the Northern Ireland Assembly review.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to the Standards and Privileges Committee regarding the new Code of Practice

*Alastair Ross left the meeting at 10.00am*

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to make a number of minor amendments and to reconsider the draft conclusions at the meeting of 13 January 2014.

*Gregory Campbell joined the meeting at 10.02am*

### **6. Forward Work Programme**

The Committee noted a draft forward work programme would be prepared for the next meeting.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to draft a Forward Work Programme for consideration at the next meeting.

### **7. Any Other Business**

The Committee considered a questionnaire from the Parliamentary Outreach Team.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to complete and return the questionnaire to the Secretariat Office

The Committee noted an article on the creation of an Institutional women's caucus to promote gender equality in the EU Institutions.

**8. Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 13 January at 10.30am in Room 21.

*The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 10.03am.*

**Mr Stephen Moutray, Chairperson  
Assembly and Executive Review Committee**