



**Northern Ireland  
Assembly**

**ASSEMBLY AND EXECUTIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**TUESDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2015, ROOM 21, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS,  
BALLYMISCAW, STORMONT**

Present: Mr Stephen Moutray (Chairperson)  
Ms Paula Bradley  
Mr Danny Kennedy  
Mr Raymond McCartney  
Mr Séan Rogers  
Ms Caitríona Ruane

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

*The meeting commenced inquorate at 10.16am in public session.*

**1. Apologies**

Mr Gregory Campbell  
Mr Trevor Lunn  
Mr Alastair Ross

*Mr Danny Kennedy joined the meeting at 10.17am and the meeting was quorate.*

**2. Draft Minutes**

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed the minutes of the Committee meeting held on Tuesday 3 November 2015.

**3. Matters Arising**

The Chair updated Members on the response received to the Committee's Call for Evidence, in respect of the Assembly and Executive Reform (Assembly Opposition) Bill which closes on 10 November 2015.

The Committee noted an article submitted by Professor Rick Wilford entitled: “Two Cheers for Consociational Democracy? Reforming the Northern Ireland Assembly and Executive” which was published in a recent edition of the Parliamentary Affairs journal.

#### **4. Briefing by Assembly Research and Information Services**

*Mr Ray McCaffrey joined the meeting at 10.18am*

*Ms Caitriona Ruane joined the meeting at 10.18am*

Mr McCaffrey presented his research paper on the Assembly and Executive Reform (Assembly Opposition) Bill.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to the Bill Sponsor, Mr John McCallister MLA, to seek clarification on a number of issues raised in the Bill Paper.

*Ms Ruane left the meeting at 10.26am*

*Mr McCaffrey left the meeting at 10.30am*

*Mr Séan Rogers left the meeting at 10.30am*

#### **5. Briefing by Mr John McCallister MLA**

*Mr John McCallister MLA and Mr Peter Hutchinson joined the meeting at 10.30am*

The Chair advised Members that, as the meeting was about to become inquorate, Mr McCallister’s briefing would be deferred to the meeting of 17 November 2015.

#### **6. Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 17 November 2015 at 10.00am in Room 21.

*The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 10.32am*

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