



**Northern Ireland  
Assembly**

**ASSEMBLY AND EXECUTIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**TUESDAY 13 OCTOBER 2015, ROOM 21, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS,  
BALLYMISCAW, STORMONT**

Present: Mr Stephen Moutray (Chairperson)  
Mr Pat Sheehan (Deputy Chairperson)  
Ms Paula Bradley  
Mr Danny Kennedy  
Mr Trevor Lunn  
Mr Raymond McCartney  
Mr Séan 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 10.08am in public session.*

**1. Apologies**

Mr Gregory Campbell

*Danny Kennedy joined the meeting at 10.09am*

**2. Draft Minutes**

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed the minutes of the Committee meeting held on Tuesday 6 October 2015.

### **3. Matters Arising**

The Committee noted the Assembly and Executive Review Reform (Assembly Opposition) Bill passed Second Stage and was referred to the Assembly and Executive Review Committee for Committee Stage of the Bill.

### **4. Assembly and Executive Reform Bill – Draft Notice and Call for Evidence**

The Chairperson advised that the Committee would consider the Call for Evidence agenda item in advance of the briefing by Mr John McCallister MLA to meet newspaper deadlines. Members considered the timetable for scrutiny of the Bill as provided for under Standing Order 33(1) and the implications for the period allowed for the Call for Evidence.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to submit a motion to the Business Office requesting that the Committee Stage of the Bill be extended to 26 January 2016.

Members considered the Call for Evidence advertisement to be placed in the three major newspapers.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed the Call for Evidence advertisement.

Members considered the Call for Evidence stakeholder letter.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed the Call for Evidence stakeholder letter.

Members considered stakeholder Call for Evidence paper.

*Agreed:* To amend the Call for Evidence paper and circulate to the Committee for approval.

Members considered the stakeholder list.

*Agreed:* To include in the stakeholder list the British Irish Council and a number of additional female academics.

Members considered the press release.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed the press release.

### **5. Briefing on the Assembly and Executive Reform (Assembly Opposition) Bill**

The Committee received oral evidence from Mr John McCallister MLA and his Researcher Peter Hutchinson in regards to the Assembly and Executive Reform (Assembly Opposition) Bill

*Raymond McCartney joined the meeting at 10.38am*

*Séan Rogers left the meeting at 10.54am*

*Pat Sheehan left the meeting at 11.58am*

*Séan Rogers joined the meeting at 11.01am*

*Séan Rogers left the meeting at 11.09am*

*Pat Sheehan joined the meeting at 11.12am*

*Stephen Moutray left the meeting at 11.12am*

*Caitríona Ruane left the meeting at 11.12am*

*Raymond McCartney left the meeting at 11.30am*

*Danny Kennedy left the meeting at 11.32am*

*Pat Sheehan assumed the role of Chairperson at 11.12am*

*Agreed:* Mr McCallister agreed to forward to the Committee his proposed amendments to the bill.

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

The Chairperson advised the Committee of the Forward Work Programme included in Members' meeting packs.

## **7. Any other Business**

There was no other business.

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

The next meeting will be Tuesday 20 October 2015 at 10.00am in Room 21. The Chairperson advised the Committee that the meeting will commence in closed session during which Mr Daniel Greenberg will facilitate a Politics Plus on the Assembly and Executive Reform Bill. The Chairperson advised that following this session, the Committee will move into open session to deal with the remaining Committee business.

*The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 11.45am*

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