



**Northern Ireland
Assembly**

ASSEMBLY AND EXECUTIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**TUESDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2015, ROOM 21, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS,
BALLYMISCAW, STORMONT**

Present: Mr Stephen Moutray (Chairperson)
Mr Pat Sheehan (Deputy Chairperson)
Mr Danny Kennedy
Mr Raymond McCartney
Ms Caitriona Ruane
Ms Paula Bradley
Mr Sean Rogers

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

The Chairperson opened the meeting at 10.09am in public session.

1. Apologies

Mr Trevor Lunn
Mr Alastair Ross

2. Draft Minutes

Agreed: The Committee agreed the minutes of the Committee meeting held on Tuesday 17 November 2015.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Assembly and Executive Reform (Assembly Opposition) Bill – Briefing by Professor John Coakley

Professor Coakley joined the meeting at 10.10am

Professor Coakley presented his written evidence on the Assembly and Executive Reform (Assembly Opposition) Bill. This was followed by a question and answer session.

Mr Sheehan joined the meeting at 10.22am.

5. Assembly and Executive Reform (Assembly Opposition) Bill – Committee Deliberations on the Bill including Review of Evidence received under Call for Evidence

The Committee went into closed session at 10.44am.

Members were informed that a request for legal advice on the Bill had been requested and would be available prior to the next meeting on 1 December 2015.

Members were advised that 21 substantive responses and 7 nil responses had been received under the Call for Evidence which closed on 10 November 2015.

Members were informed that detailed deliberation on the specific clauses of the Bill will take place at the meetings on 1 and 8 December 2015.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to invite the Bill Sponsor to the Committee deliberations on 1 and 8 December to provide responses to questions from Members on the specific clauses of the Bill.

Ms Ruane left the meeting at 10.44am.

6. Forward Work Programme

Members were referred to the Forward Work Programme in their pack and advised that this covers the period up to 26 January 2016 (end of the Committee Stage of the Bill).

Agreed: Members agreed the Forward Work Programme.

7. Any Other Business

There were no other items of business.

8. Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 1 December 2015 at 10.00am in Room 21.

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 10.55am.

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