

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY
BUSINESS COMMITTEE

TUESDAY 06 MAY 2014
IN ROOM 106, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

MINUTES

The meeting began at 12.36pm.

Present:

The Speaker
Mr S Dickson
Mr G Kelly
Mr R McCartney
Ms K McKeivitt
Lord Morrow
Mrs S Overend
Mr P Ramsey
Mr P Weir

In attendance:

Ms L Gordon	Clerk of Business
Dr G McGrath	Director of Clerking and Reporting
Ms N Dunwoody	Clerk Assistant
Mr R Ramsey	Adviser to the Speaker
Ms F Leneghan	PS/Speaker
Mr H Widdis	Director of Legal Services
Mr C McNickle	Assistant Assembly Clerk

Observers:

Deputy Speaker Dallat
Junior Minister Bell
Junior Minister McCann
Mr A Rogers **OFMDFM**

1. **Apologies**

1.1 Apologies were received from Ms Caitríona Ruane and Mr Robin Swann.

2. **Minutes of previous meetings**

2.1 The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 29 April were **agreed** and signed by the Speaker.

3. **Matters arising**

3.1 There were no matters arising.

4. **Finalisation of the Order Paper for the for the plenary meetings in week commencing 12 May 2014**

Assembly Business

4.1 Members **agreed** to schedule a business motion on Monday 12 May to appoint Ms Claire Sugden to the Committee for Employment and Learning.

Executive Business

4.2 Members **noted** that there was no change to Executive Business previously scheduled for both days and that there was the possibility of Ministerial statements on either day.

Committee Business

4.3 Members **noted** that there was no Committee Business requested for Monday 12 May.

4.4 Members **agreed** to schedule a motion from the Committee for Justice on Tuesday 13 May to extend the Committee Stage of the Legal Aid and Coroners' Courts Bill to 20 June.

4.5 Members **agreed** to schedule a motion from the Committee on Procedures on Tuesday 13 May to amend Standing Order 56.

Private Members' Business

4.6 Members **noted** that the motion on 'Single Region Designation under Common Agricultural Policy Reform', previously scheduled for Tuesday 13 May, coincided with a meeting of the Committee for Agriculture and Rural Development at which the Committee would be continuing its scrutiny of the Reservoirs Bill.

4.7 Members therefore **agreed** to replace this motion with a motion on 'Heavy Goods Vehicle Levy' (Mr P Flanagan, Mr C Boylan, Ms M Fearon, Mr B McElduff). Members also **agreed** that the replacement motion should be scheduled on Monday 12 May.

4.8 Junior Minister Bell advised that all Ministers were available, and that no further business was expected at this stage.

4.9 The draft Order Papers were **agreed**.

5. **Provisional arrangements for the plenary meeting on 19 May 2014**

Executive Business

5.1 Members **noted** that the following business was scheduled for Monday 19 May:

- Question Time to the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister, the Minister for Regional Development, the Minister of Justice and the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development;
- Motion from the Minister of Enterprise Trade and Investment regarding the draft Renewables Obligation (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014;
- Motion from the Minister of the Environment regarding the draft Local Government (Transitional Supplementary, Incidental and Modifications) Regulations (NI) 2014, subject to Royal Assent to the Local Government Bill;
- Motion from the Minister of the Environment regarding the draft Northern Ireland Local Government Code of Conduct for Councillors, subject to Royal Assent to the Local Government Bill.

Committee Business

5.2 Members **noted** that there was no Committee Business scheduled for Monday 19 May.

Private Members' Business

5.3 Members **noted** that there was no Private Members' Business scheduled for Monday 19 May.

5.4 The provisional Order Paper was **agreed**.

6. **Any other business**

6.1 The Speaker referred Members to a letter from the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister asking to change their Question Time slot from 3.30pm to 2.00pm on Monday 19 May.

6.2 Members **noted** that the Minister of Justice was content to accommodate the proposed change.

6.3 Members **agreed** to the request.

7. **Date and Time of next meeting**

7.1 Members **agreed** to meet at approximately 12.30pm on Tuesday 13 May 2014 in Room 106.

The Speaker brought the meeting to a close at 12.45pm

**The Speaker
Chairperson**