

**NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY**  
**BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

**TUESDAY 08 APRIL 2014**  
**IN ROOM 106, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS**

**MINUTES**

*The meeting began at 12.34pm.*

**Present:**

**The Speaker**  
**Mr G Kelly**  
**Mr K McCarthy**  
**Mrs K McKeivitt**  
**Mrs S Overend**  
**Ms C Ruane**  
**Mr R Swann**  
**Mr P Weir**

**In attendance:**

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

**Observers:**

**Principal Deputy Speaker McLaughlin**  
**Deputy Speaker Dallat**  
**Junior Minister McCann**  
**Mr K Kerr**                      **OFMDFM**

1.    **Apologies**

1.1    Apologies were received from Mr Stewart Dickson and Mr Pat Ramsey.

2.    **Minutes of previous meetings**

2.1    The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 01 April were **agreed** and signed by the Speaker.

3. **Matters arising**

3.1 There were no matters arising.

4. **Finalisation of the Order Papers for the plenary meetings in week commencing 28 April 2014**

Executive Business

4.1 Members **noted** that the First Stage of the Work and Families Bill was scheduled for Monday 28 April, subject to the Speaker's consideration.

4.2 Members **noted** that there was no change to Executive Committee Business previously scheduled for Tuesday 29 April.

Committee Business

4.3 Members **noted** that there was no Committee Business requested for either day.

Private Members' Business

4.5 Members **noted** that the Alliance Party had selected a motion on 'Childcare in Northern Ireland' which was scheduled for Monday 28 April.

4.6 Junior Minister McCann advised that the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister was available to respond to the motion.

4.7 Members considered Mr Weir's request that the running order of the two motions scheduled for Tuesday 29 April be reversed, in order to facilitate a Ministerial response to the 'Giro d'Italia 2014' motion. Ms Ruane indicated her preference that the motions not be reversed, and it was noted that any Ministerial statement on that day would alleviate the problem. No change to the order of business was agreed.

4.8 Junior Minister McCann advised 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 06 May 2014**

Executive Business

5.1 Members **noted** that Question Time to the Minister for Employment and Learning and to the Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment was scheduled for Tuesday 06 May.

#### Committee Business

5.2 Members **noted** that there was no Committee Business requested for Tuesday 06 May.

#### Private Members' Business

5.3 Members **agreed** to schedule two Private Members' Motions on Tuesday 06 May.

5.4 Under the system of allocation, both selections lay with the DUP and the following motions were selected:

- 'Funding for Cancer Drugs' (Mr D McIlveen, Mr J Wells, Mrs P Cameron, Mr G Dunne);
- 'Underachievement of Protestant Working Class Boys' (Mr M Storey, Mr J Craig, Mr S Moutray, Mr R Newton).

5.5 Members **agreed** that up to 1 hour 30 minutes should be allocated for each motion, with the usual speaking times.

5.6 Members **agreed** to schedule an Adjournment Debate on Tuesday 06 May. Under the system of allocation, the selection lay with the Alliance Party and the following topic was selected:

- 'Pre-school provision in East Belfast' (Mrs J Cochrane).

5.7 Junior Minister McCann advised that all Ministers were available to respond to the motions.

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

#### **6. Assembly Business in Week Commencing 19 May 2014**

6.1 Members considered an options paper regarding the issue of whether the Assembly should sit on 19 and 20 May, given that the European and Local Government elections were taking place on Thursday 22 May. Junior Minister McCann advised that several Ministers had identified business which could

possibly be scheduled for either Monday 19 or Tuesday 20 May and members **agreed** to reconsider this issue at the next meeting of the Committee.

7. **Any other business**

7.1 There was no other business

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

8.1 Members **agreed** to meet at approximately 12.30pm on Tuesday 29 April 2014 in Room 106.

*The Speaker brought the meeting to a close at 12.45pm*

**The Speaker  
Chairperson**