

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

**TUESDAY 14 JANUARY 2014**  
**IN ROOM 106, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS**

**MINUTES**

*The meeting began at 12.39pm.*

**Present:**

**The Speaker**  
**Mr S Dickson**  
**Mrs K McKeivitt**  
**Mrs S Overend**  
**Mr P Ramsey**  
**Ms C Ruane**  
**Mr P Weir**

**In attendance:**

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| <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 H Widdis</b>   | <b>Director of Legal Services</b>         |
| <b>Mr C McNickle</b> | <b>Assistant Assembly Clerk</b>           |

**Observers:**

**Principal Deputy Speaker McLaughlin**  
**Junior Minister Bell**  
**Junior Minister McCann**  
**Mr A Rogers**                      **OFMDFM**

**1. Apologies**

1.1 Apologies were noted from Mr Gerry Kelly and Mr Robin Swann.

**2. Minutes of previous meeting**

2.1 The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 07 January 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 20 January**

Executive Business

4.1 Members **noted** that the following additional business was scheduled for Monday 20 January:

- Ministerial Statement on the North South Ministerial Council meeting in Institutional Format;
- First Stage of the Reservoirs Bill (subject to the Speaker's clearance);
- Consideration Stage of the Health and Social Care (Amendment) Bill.

4.2 Members also **noted** the possibility of an additional Ministerial Statement on Monday 20 January.

4.3 Members **noted** that, subject to the possibility of two Ministerial Statements, there was no change to Executive Business scheduled for Tuesday 21 January.

Committee Business

4.4 Members **noted** that there was no Committee Business requested for Monday 20 January or Tuesday 21 January.

Private Members' Business

4.5 Members **noted** that there was no change to Private Members' Business scheduled for Monday 20 January or Tuesday 21 January.

4.6 Junior Minister McCann advised that no further business was expected at this stage.

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

5. **Provisional arrangements for the plenary meetings in week commencing 27 January 2014**

### Executive Business

- 5.1 Members **noted** that the following business was scheduled for Monday 27 January:
- Question Time to the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister and to the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety;
  - Further Consideration Stage of the Public Service Pensions Bill.
- 5.2 Members also **noted** that there was the possibility of a Ministerial Statement on Monday 27 January.
- 5.3 Members **noted** that the following business was scheduled for Tuesday 28 January:
- Question Time to the Minister of Justice and to the Minister for Regional Development;
  - Consideration Stage of the Carrier Bags Bill;
  - Further Consideration Stage of the Health and Social Care (Amendment) Bill;
  - Motion on the Jobseeker's Allowance (Domestic Violence) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013.

### Committee Business

- 5.4 Members **noted** that no Committee Business had been requested for Monday 27 January or Tuesday 28 January.

### Private Members' Business

- 5.5 Members **agreed** to schedule one Private Members' Motion on Monday 27 January and one on Tuesday 28 January.
- 5.6 Under the system of allocation, the selections lay with the DUP and the SDLP.
- 5.7 The following motion was selected for Monday 27 January:
- 'Nursing Staff Levels in Key Hospital Wards' (Mr J Spratt and Ms P Bradley).
- 5.8 The following motion was selected for Tuesday 28 January:
- 'Crisis Conditions at Accident and Emergency Departments' (Mrs D Kelly and Mr F McKinney).

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

5.10 Members **agreed** to schedule an Adjournment Debate on Tuesday 28 January. Under the system of allocation, the selection lay with the DUP and the following topic was selected:

- 'Lagan Valley Hospital Accident and Emergency Department' (Mr P Givan).

5.11 Junior Minister McCann advised that all Ministers were available to respond.

5.12 The provisional Order Papers were **agreed**.

## 6. **Any other business**

6.1 There was no other business

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

7.1 Members **agreed** to meet at approximately 12.30pm on Tuesday 21 January 2014 in Room 106.

*The Speaker brought the meeting to a close at 12.44pm*

**The Speaker  
Chairperson**