

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

**TUESDAY 13 MAY 2014**  
**IN ROOM 106, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS**

**MINUTES**

*The meeting began at 12.30pm.*

**Present:**

**The Speaker**  
**Mr S Dickson**  
**Mr R McCartney**  
**Mrs K McKeivitt**  
**Lord Morrow**  
**Mrs S Overend**  
**Mr P Ramsey**  
**Ms C Ruane**  
**Mr R Swann**  
**Mr P Weir**

**In attendance:**

<b>Ms L Gordon</b>	<b>Clerk of Business</b>
<b>Mr T Reaney</b>	<b>Clerk/Director General</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**  
**Deputy Speaker Beggs**  
**Deputy Speaker Dallat**  
**Junior Minister Bell**  
**Junior Minister McCann**  
**Mr A Rogers**                      **OFMDFM**

1. **Apologies**

1.1 Apologies were received from Mr Gerry Kelly.

2. **Minutes of previous meetings**

- 2.1 The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 06 May were **agreed** and signed by the Speaker.

3. **Matters arising**

- 3.1 There were no matters arising.

4. **Finalisation of the Order Paper for Monday 19 May 2014**

Executive Business

- 4.1 Members **noted** that the following business was no longer scheduled for Monday 19 May:
- Motion from the Minister of the Environment regarding the draft Local Government (Transitional Supplementary, Incidental and Modifications) Regulations (NI) 2014;
  - Motion from the Minister of the Environment regarding the draft Northern Ireland Local Government Code of Conduct for Councillors.
- 4.2 Members **noted** that a Ministerial Statement on the North South Ministerial Council meeting in agriculture sectoral format was scheduled for Monday 19 May, subject to formal notification being received by the Speaker.
- 4.3 Having considered the indicative timings, it was **agreed** that Question Time would be brought forward to 1pm and that a business motion would be scheduled to suspend Standing Order 20(1) to provide for this change.

Committee Business

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

Private Members' Business

- 4.5 Members **noted** that there was no Private Members' Business scheduled for Monday 19 May.
- 4.6 Junior Minister McCann advised that no further business was expected.

4.7 The draft Order Paper was **agreed**.

## 5. **Provisional arrangements for the plenary meeting on 27 May 2014**

### Executive Business

5.1 Members noted that the following business was scheduled for Tuesday 27 May:

- Question Time to the Minister for Social Development and to the Minister of Culture, Arts and Leisure;
- Second Stage of the Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill;
- Motion from the Minister of the Environment regarding the draft Local Government (Transitional Supplementary, Incidental and Modifications) Regulations (NI) 2014;
- Motion from the Minister of the Environment regarding the draft Northern Ireland Local Government Code of Conduct for Councillors;
- Legislative Consent Motion from the Minister of Finance and Personnel regarding the UK Finance (No. 2) Bill: Air Passenger Duty.

### Committee Business

5.2 Members **agreed** to schedule a motion from the Committee on Procedures, on Tuesday 27 May, on its report on its Review of the Current Organisation of the Business Week of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

5.3 Members **agreed** that up to 1 hour should be allocated for the motion, with 10 minutes to move the motion, 10 minutes to wind the motion and 5 minutes for all other contributions.

### Private Members' Business

5.4 Members **agreed** to schedule no Private Members' Business for Tuesday 27 May.

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

## 6. **Any other business**

6.1 The Speaker conveyed his concerns about the issue of Members not being in their places for Question Time and sought the support of Whips in improving

the current position. It was **agreed** that the Business Office would provide each Whip with a list of party colleagues who had not been in their place for Question Time.

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

7.1 Members **agreed** to meet after Question Time (approximately 4pm) on Monday 19 May 2014 in Room 106.

*The Speaker brought the meeting to a close at 12.39pm*

**The Speaker  
Chairperson**