

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

**TUESDAY 28 JANUARY 2014**  
**IN ROOM 106, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS**

**MINUTES**

*The meeting began at 12.35pm.*

**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:**

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| <b>Ms L Gordon</b>     | <b>Clerk of Business</b>          |
| <b>Mr T Reaney</b>     | <b>Clerk/Director General</b>     |
| <b>Ms N Dunwoody</b>   | <b>Clerk Assistant</b>            |
| <b>Dr Alex McGarel</b> | <b>Clerk of Business</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 Dallat**  
**Junior Minister Bell**  
**Junior Minister McCann**  
**Mr A Rogers**                      **OFMDFM**

**1. Apologies**

1.1 Apologies were noted from Mr Gerry Kelly.

**2. Minutes of previous meeting**

2.1 The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 21 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 03 February**

Public Petition

4.1 Members **agreed** to schedule the presentation of a Public Petition by Mr Pat Ramsey relating to the 'Proposed Closure of Immaculate Conception College' on Monday 03 February.

Assembly Business

4.2 Members **agreed** to schedule a motion from the DUP to change Committee Membership on Monday 03 February.

Executive Business

4.3 Members **noted** that a Legislative Consent Motion on the Children and Families Bill was scheduled for Monday 03 February.

4.4 Members **noted** that there was no change to Executive Business previously scheduled for Tuesday 04 February.

Committee Business

4.5 Members **noted** that the Committee for Health, Social Services and Public Safety had confirmed the wording of its motion on 'Health Inequalities experienced by people with a Learning Disability'.

4.6 Members **noted** that there was no Committee Business requested for Tuesday 04 February.

Private Members' Business

4.7 Members **noted** that, after last week's meeting, Sinn Féin had selected a motion on the 'Mental Wellbeing of the Farming Community' to be scheduled on Monday 03 February.

4.8 Members **noted** that there was no change to Private Members' Business scheduled for Tuesday 04 February.

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

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

5. **Provisional arrangements for the plenary meetings in week commencing 10 February 2014**

Executive Business

5.1 Members **noted** that the following business was scheduled for Monday 10 February:

- Question Time to the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister and to the Minister for Employment and Learning;
- Motions on the 2013-14 Spring Supplementary Estimates Supply Resolution and on the 2014-15 Vote on Account;
- First Stage of the Budget Bill.

5.2 Members **agreed** to schedule a single debate on the Supply Resolution and the Vote on Account, with a total time limit of 4 hours 30 minutes, one hour for the Minister to divide between moving and winding, and 10 minutes for all other speakers.

5.3 Members also **noted** that a motion to suspend Standing Orders 10 (2)-(4) would be required, to allow business to continue after 7pm on Monday 10 February.

5.4 Members **noted** that the following business was scheduled for Tuesday 11 February:

- Question Time to the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety and to the Minister of the Environment;
- Consideration Stage of the Licensing of Pavement Cafés Bill;
- Further Consideration Stage of the Carrier Bags Bill;
- Final Stage of the Health and Social Care (Amendment) Bill;
- Second Stage of the Budget Bill.

Committee Business

5.5 Members **noted** that no Committee Business had been requested for Monday 10 February or Tuesday 11 February.

## Private Members' Business

- 5.6 Members **agreed** to schedule one Private Members' Motion on Monday 10 February, but none on Tuesday 11 February.
- 5.7 Under the system of allocation, the selection lay with the DUP.
- 5.8 The following motion was selected for Monday 10 February:
- 'Safer Internet Day 2014 Campaign' (Mr M Storey, Miss M McIlveen, Mr P Givan and Mr P Frew).
- 5.9 Members **agreed** that up to 1 hour 30 minutes should be allocated for the motion, with the usual speaking times.
- 5.10 Members **agreed** to schedule an Adjournment Debate on Tuesday 11 February. Under the system of allocation, the selection lay with the DUP and the following topic was selected:
- 'Post-primary education in the south and east Belfast area' (Mr J Spratt).
- 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 04 February 2014 in Room 106.

*The Speaker brought the meeting to a close at 12.42pm*

**The Speaker  
Chairperson**