

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

**TUESDAY 03 FEBRUARY 2015**  
**IN ROOM 106, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS**

**MINUTES**

*The meeting began at 12.35pm.*

**Present:**

**The Speaker (Chairperson)**  
**Mr G Kelly**  
**Mr K McCarthy**  
**Mrs S Overend**  
**Mr P Ramsey**  
**Ms C Ruane**  
**Mr R Swann**  
**Mr P Weir**

**In attendance:**

<b>Dr A McGarel</b>	<b>Clerk of Business</b>
<b>Ms N Dunwoody</b>	<b>Clerk Assistant</b>
<b>Mr D Martin</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:**

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

1. **Apologies**

- 1.1 Apologies were noted from Mr Stewart Dickson, Mrs Karen McKeivitt and Lord Morrow.

2. **Minutes of previous meeting**

- 2.1 Members proposed amendments to the draft minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 27 January and it was **agreed** to reconsider the minutes at the next meeting of the committee.

3. **Matters arising**

- 3.1 Ms Ruane expressed concern regarding the late scheduling of the motion on 'Assembly Consent to the Making of the draft Crime and Courts Act 2013 (National Crime Agency and Proceeds of Crime) (Northern Ireland) Order 2015'. She was particularly concerned that a Private Members' Motion was being used as a means to progress legislation.
- 3.2 Ms Ruane raised further concerns regarding inaccuracies contained within the Order's Explanatory Memorandum.
- 3.3 The Chairperson informed Members that, further to the receipt of legal and procedural advice, he was content that the motion as listed on the Order Paper was competent and that concerns regarding the content of the Explanatory Memorandum should be addressed on the floor of the Assembly rather than discussed at Business Committee.

4. **Finalisation of the Order Papers for the plenary meetings in week commencing 09 February 2015**

Assembly Business

- 4.1 Members **agreed** to schedule a motion from the UUP to change Committee Membership on Monday 09 February.

Executive Business

- 4.2 Members noted that the following Executive Business was scheduled for Monday 09 February:

- Motion from the Minister of Finance and Personnel to suspend Standing Orders 10(2) to 10(4) for Monday 09 February 2014;
- Supply Resolution for the 2015-2016 Main Estimate.

- 4.3 Members noted that there was no change to Executive Committee Business scheduled for Tuesday 10 February 2015.

### Committee Business

- 4.4 Members **noted** that there were no requests for Committee Business for Monday 09 February.
- 4.5 Members **agreed** to schedule a motion from the Committee for Social Development to extend the Committee Stage of the Regeneration Bill (NIA Bill 43/11-16) for Tuesday 10 February.

### Private Members' Business

- 4.6 Members noted that there was no Private Members' Business scheduled for either day.
- 4.7 Mr Alan Rogers advised that no further business was expected at this stage.
- 4.8 The draft Order Papers were **agreed**.

## 5. **Provisional arrangements for the plenary meetings in week commencing 16 February 2015**

### Assembly Business

- 5.1 Members **agreed** to schedule a Business Motion to suspend Standing Orders 10 (2) to 10 (4) for Monday 16 February.

### Executive Business

- 5.2 Members **noted** that the following Executive Business was scheduled for Monday 16 February:
- Question Time to the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister and to the Minister of Finance and Personnel;
  - Motion to approve the Jobseeker's Allowance (Maternity Allowance) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014;
  - Second Stage of the Budget Bill.

5.3 Members **noted** that the following Executive Business was scheduled for Tuesday 17 February:

- Question Time to the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety and to the Minister of Justice;
- Consideration Stage of the Budget Bill;
- Assembly Consent Motion regarding the Public Bodies (Abolition of the Advisory Committees on Pesticides) Order 2015;
- Motion to approve the Draft Judicial Pensions Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015;
- Motion to approve the Draft Police Pension (Consequential Provisions) Regulations 2015.

#### Committee Business

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

#### Private Members' Business

5.5 Members **agreed** to schedule no Private Members Business on Monday 16 February.

5.6 Members agreed to schedule the Second Stage of the Road Traffic (Speed Limits) Bill (NIA Bill 25/11-15) on Tuesday 17 February.

5.7 Members **agreed** to schedule an Adjournment Debate on Tuesday 17 February. Under the system of allocation, the selection lay with the DUP and the following topic was selected:

- 'Dromore Central Primary School' (Mrs B Hale).

5.8 Mr Alan Rogers advised that all Ministers were available to respond.

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

#### 6. Recess Dates 2015-16

6.1 Members **discussed** a paper on proposed Assembly recess dates 2015-2016.

6.2 Members **agreed** to reconsider the proposed recess dates when the issues discussed had been addressed.

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 10 February 2015 in Room 106.

*The Chairperson brought the meeting to a close at 1.02pm*

**The Speaker**  
**Chairperson**