

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY
BUSINESS COMMITTEE

TUESDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2015
IN ROOM 106, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

MINUTES

The meeting began at 12.38pm.

Present:

The Speaker (Chairperson)
Mr J Byrne
Mr S Dickson
Mr G Kelly
Mrs K McKeivitt
Lord Morrow
Mrs S Overend
Ms C Ruane
Mr R Swann
Mr P Weir

In attendance:

Dr A McGarel	Clerk of Business
Ms N Dunwoody	Clerk Assistant
Mr D Martin	Clerk Assistant
Mr R Ramsey	Adviser to the Speaker
Ms F Leneghan	PS/Speaker
Mr C McNickle	Assistant Assembly Clerk
Mrs S Young	Clerical Supervisor

Observers:

Junior Minister Bell
Mr A Rogers **OFMDFM**

1. Apologies

1.1 Apologies were noted from Mr Pat Ramsey.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

2.1 The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 27 January were **agreed** as amended.

2.2 The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 03 February were **agreed**.

3. **Matters arising**

3.1 There were no matters arising.

4. **Finalisation of the Order Papers for the plenary meetings in week commencing 16 February 2015**

Public Petition

4.1 Members **agreed** to schedule the presentation of a Public Petition by Mr Máirtín Ó Muilleoir, on 'Save St Mary's University College', for Monday 16 February.

Assembly Business

4.2 Members **noted** that there was no change to Assembly Business previously scheduled for Monday 16 February.

Executive Business

4.3 Members **noted** that there was no change to Executive Committee Business previously scheduled for either day.

Committee Business

4.4 Members **noted** that there were no requests for Committee Business for either day.

Private Members' Business

4.5 Members **noted** that there was no Private Members' Business scheduled for Monday 16 February.

4.6 Members **noted** that there was no change to Private Members' Business previously scheduled for Tuesday 17 February.

4.7 Junior Minister Bell 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 23 February 2015**

Executive Business

5.1 Members **noted** that the following Executive Business was scheduled for Monday 23 February:

- Question Time to the Minister for Regional Development and the Minister for Social Development;
- Further Consideration Stage: Budget Bill (NIA Bill 45/11-16);
- Motion to approve the draft Public Service (Civil Servants and Others) Pensions (Consequential Provisions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015.

5.2 Members **noted** that the following Executive Business was scheduled for Tuesday 24 February:

- Question Time to the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development and the Minister of Culture, Arts and Leisure;
- Motion to approve the draft Local Government (Standing Orders) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015;
- Further Consideration Stage: Welfare Reform Bill (NIA Bill 13/11-15);
- Final Stage: Budget Bill (NIA Bill 45/11-16).

Committee Business

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

Private Members' Business

5.4 Members **agreed** to schedule two Private Members' Motions on Monday 23 February. Under the system of allocation, the selections lay with Sinn Féin and the SDLP and the following motions were selected:

- 'Reductions in the Block Grant' (Mr D McKay, Mr M Ó Muilleoir and Ms M Boyle);
- 'Magee Campus of Ulster University' (Mr P Ramsey, Mr C Eastwood, and Mr M Durkan).

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 no Private Members' Business on Tuesday 24 February.

5.7 Junior Minister Bell advised that all Ministers were available to respond.

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

6. **Question Time Rota April 2015 to Summer Recess**

6.1 The Committee **agreed** the rota for Oral Questions from April 2015 until summer recess as presented.

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 17 February 2015 in Room 106.

The Chairperson brought the meeting to a close at 12.43pm

**The Speaker
Chairperson**