**NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY**

**BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

# TUESDAY 16 JUNE 2015

**IN ROOM 106, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS**

**MINUTES**

##### The meeting began at 6.35pm.

**Present: The Speaker (Chairperson)**

 **Mr G Kelly**

 **Mrs S Overend**

 **Mr P Ramsey**

 **Mr R Swann**

 **Mr P Weir**

In attendance: Dr A McGarel Clerk of Business

 **Mr T Reaney Clerk/Chief Executive**

**Ms N Dunwoody Clerk Assistant**

**Mr R Ramsey Adviser to the Speaker**

**Ms F Leneghan PS/Speaker**

 **Mr C McNickle Assistant Assembly Clerk**

1. **Apologies**

* 1. Apologies were received from Ms Caitríona Ruane.

2. **Consideration of an Order Paper for Wednesday 17 June**

2.1 The Chairperson reminded Members that a valid Petition of Concern had just been tabled in relation to Amendment 7 at Further Consideration Stage of the Justice Bill (NIA Bill 37/11-15). The Chairperson advised that, in accordance with Standing Order 28(1), no vote may be held on a matter which is the subject of a Petition of Concern until at least one day after the petition has been tabled and, as a consequence, the unfinished business should also be rescheduled to a future date.

2.2 Members **noted** a proposed Order Paper for Wednesday 17 June which listed Further Consideration Stage of the Justice Bill (NIA Bill 37/11-15) and, following discussion, it was **agreed** that the unfinished business should be rescheduled to the Order Paper for Monday 22 June. It was also agreed that if any of the business listed for Monday could not be concluded as a result, it should be rescheduled on Wednesday 24 June.

2.3 Following discussion it was **agreed** that an advice paper would be circulated to Members to clarify:

* The procedure regarding the tabling of a valid Petition of Concern on an amendment at Further Consideration Stage of a Bill on the day it is being debated.
* The potential impact of not putting the question on one amendment on Members’ consideration of subsequent amendments.

2.4 Mr Kelly also suggested that the Committee on Procedures may wish to consider reviewing Standing Orders in relation to this matter.

3. **Date and time of next meeting**

3.1 Members **agreed** to meet after the lunchtime suspension on Tuesday 23 June 2015 in Room 106.

*The Chairperson brought the meeting to a close at 6.50pm.*

**The Speaker**

**Chairperson**