

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

**TUESDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2014**  
**IN ROOM 106, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS**

**MINUTES**

*The meeting began at 12.36pm.*

**Present:**

**Ms C Ruane (Acting Chairperson)**  
**Mr S Dickson**  
**Mr G Kelly**  
**Mrs K McKeivitt**  
**Mrs S Overend**  
**Mr P Ramsey**  
**Mr R Swann**  
**Mr P Weir**

**In attendance:**

<b>Dr A McGarel</b>	<b>Clerk of Business</b>
<b>Dr G McGrath</b>	<b>Director of Clerking and Reporting</b>
<b>Ms N Dunwoody</b>	<b>Clerk Assistant</b>
<b>Ms Tara Caul</b>	<b>Head of Legal Services</b>
<b>Ms F Leneghan</b>	<b>PS/Speaker</b>
<b>Mr C McNickle</b>	<b>Assistant Assembly Clerk</b>

**Observers:**

**Principal Deputy Speaker McLaughlin**  
**Deputy Speaker Beggs**  
**Junior Minister McCann**  
**Mr K Kerr**                      **OFMDFM**

**1. Apologies**

1.1 Apologies were noted from The Speaker and Lord Morrow.

**2. Minutes of previous meeting**

2.1 The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 23 September were **agreed** and signed by the Acting Chairperson.

3. **Matters arising**

3.1 There were no matters arising.

4. **Finalisation of the Order Papers for the plenary meetings in week commencing 06 October**

Assembly Business

4.1 Members **agreed** to schedule a motion from the DUP to change Committee Membership on Monday 06 October.

4.2 Members **agreed** to schedule a motion from Sinn Féin to change Committee Membership on Monday 06 October.

4.3 Members **agreed** to schedule a motion from the UUP to change Committee Membership on Monday 06 October and Mr Swann undertook to confirm the wording of the motion as soon as possible.

Executive Business

4.4 Members **noted** that the First Stage of the Education Bill was scheduled for Monday 06 October, subject to the Speaker's consideration.

4.5 Members **noted** that the First Stage of the Insolvency (Amendment) Bill was scheduled for Tuesday 07 October, subject to the Speaker's consideration.

Committee Business

4.6 Members **noted** that there was no Committee Business scheduled for Monday 06 October or Tuesday 07 October.

Private Members' Business

4.7 Members **agreed** to a request from Sinn Féin to change their motion on 'Voting Rights', scheduled for Monday 06 October, to a motion on 'Deep Geothermal Energy'.

4.8 Members **noted** that there was no change to Private Members' Business previously scheduled for Tuesday 07 October.

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 13 October 2014**

Executive Business

5.1 Members **noted** the following business was scheduled for Monday 13 October:

- Question Time to the Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment and to the Minister of the Environment;
- First Stage: Off-street Parking (Functions of District Councils) Bill, subject to the Speaker's consideration;
- Final Stage: Legal Aid and Coroners' Courts Bill.

5.2 Members **noted** the following business was scheduled for Tuesday 14 October:

- Question Time to the Minister of Finance and Personnel and to the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety;
- Motion from the Minister of Education to provide for the Education Bill to proceed with accelerated passage;
- Second Stage: Education Bill, subject to introduction on Monday 06 October;
- Motion from the Minister of Justice to approve the draft Lands Tribunal (Salaries) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014.

Committee Business

5.3 Members agreed to schedule a motion from the Committee for Health, Social Services and Public Safety on its Review of Supported Living for Older People on Monday 13 October.

5.4 Members **agreed** that up to 1 hour 30 minutes should be allocated for the motion, with the usual speaking times.

5.5 Members **noted** that there was no Committee Business requested for Tuesday 14 October.

## Private Members' Business

- 5.6 Members **noted** a request from Lord Morrow to schedule the Consideration Stage of the Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Further Provisions and Support for Victims) Bill (NIA Bill 26/11-15). Members **further noted** that there would be insufficient time to schedule the Bill during the week commencing Monday 13 October and **agreed** to consider it during the week commencing 20 October, subject to Executive and Committee Business.
- 5.7 Members **agreed** to schedule no Private Members Business on Monday 13 October and Tuesday 14 October.
- 5.8 Members **agreed** to schedule an Adjournment debate on Tuesday 14 October and Members **further agreed** that should there be a lengthy debate during the Second Stage of the Education Bill the party can decide to postpone the motion to Tuesday 21 October.
- 5.9 Under the system of allocation, the selection lay with the UUP and the following topic was selected:
- 'Provision of Heart Surgery for Children in Upper Bann' (Mrs J Dobson).
- 5.10 Junior Minister McCann advised that all Ministers were available to respond to the motions.
- 5.11 Mr Swann queried whether the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety would be available to respond to the Adjournment debate in the event of the debate being postponed until Tuesday 21 October. Junior Minister McCann advised that, at this stage, Ministerial availability for the week commencing Monday 20 October was unknown and that the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister would inform the Business Office of the Minister's availability in due course.
- 5.12 The provisional Order Papers were **agreed**.

## 6. Correspondence

- 6.1 Members **noted** correspondence from the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister regarding the Executive meeting which was scheduled on Tuesday 9 September.

7. **Any other business**

- 7.1 Members **agreed** to issue the latest version of 'Speaker's Rulings and Conventions' updated July 2014.

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

- 8.1 Members **agreed** to meet at approximately 12.30pm on Tuesday 07 October 2014 in Room 106.

*The Acting Chairperson brought the meeting to a close at 12.44pm*

**The Acting Chairperson  
Mr P Weir**