

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY
BUSINESS COMMITTEE

TUESDAY 06 OCTOBER 2015
IN ROOM 106, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

MINUTES

The meeting began at 1.05pm.

Present:	The Speaker (Chairperson) Mr S Dickson Mrs S Overend Mr P Ramsey Ms C Ruane Mr R Swann Mr P Weir	
In attendance:	Dr A McGarel Mr T Reaney Mr G McGrath Ms N Dunwoody Mr D Martin Mr H Widdis Mr R Ramsey Ms F Leneghan Mr G Ervine	Clerk of Business Clerk/Chief Executive Director of Clerking and Reporting Clerk Assistant Clerk Assistant Director of Legal Services and Governance Adviser to the Speaker PS/Speaker Assistant Assembly Clerk
Observers:	Mr K Kerr	OFMDFM

1. **Apologies**

1.1 There were apologies from Mr Gerry Kelly and Mrs Karen McKeivitt.

2. **Minutes of previous meetings**

2.1 The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 29 September 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 12 October 2015**

4.1 Mr Weir proposed the same motion as that proposed at the meeting on 10 September; that the Assembly stands in recess until the conclusion of all-party talks, subject to further decision of the Business Committee.

4.2 All parties' views on the proposal remained the same so the proposal was **negatived**.

Assembly Business

4.3 Members **agreed** to defer the appointment of Ministers of Enterprise, Trade and Investment; Health, Social Services and Public Safety; and for Social Development and Regional Development from Monday 12 October to Monday 19 October.

Executive Business

4.4 Members **noted** that there was no further change to Executive Committee Business previously scheduled for Monday 12 October.

4.5 Members **noted** that there was no further change to Executive Committee Business previously scheduled for Tuesday 13 October.

Committee Business

4.6 Members **noted** that there was no further change to Committee Business for Monday 12 October.

4.7 Members **noted** that there were no requests for Committee Business for Tuesday 13 October.

Private Members' Business

4.8 Members **noted** that the First Stage of the Local Government (Numbers and Addresses of Buildings on Townlands) Bill, sponsored by Mr Phil Flanagan, was scheduled for Monday 12 October.

4.9 Members **noted** that the First Stage of the Human Transplantation Bill, sponsored by Mrs Jo-Anne Dobson, will be scheduled when the necessary consents have been obtained.

- 4.10 Members **agreed** to schedule a business motion to refer Mr John McCallister's Assembly and Executive Reform (Assembly Opposition) Bill to the Assembly and Executive Review Committee for Committee Stage for Monday 12 October.
- 4.11 Members **noted** that there were no changes to Private Members' Business for Tuesday 13 October.
- 4.12 Members **noted** that Alliance selected the following adjournment topic for debate for Tuesday 13 October:
- 'Rail Services in East Antrim' (Mr S Dickson)
- 4.13 Mr Kerr advised that no further business was expected at this stage.
- 4.14 The draft Order Papers were **agreed**.

5. **Provisional arrangements for the plenary meetings in week commencing 19 October 2015**

Assembly Business

- 5.1 Members **agreed** that the Appointment of Ministers of Enterprise, Trade and Investment; Health, Social Services and Public Safety; and for Social Development and Regional Development is listed on the provisional Order Paper for Monday 19 October.

Executive Business

- 5.2 Members **noted** that the following Executive Business was scheduled for Monday 19 October:
- Motion on the draft Victim Charter (Justice Act (Northern Ireland) 2015) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015.
 - Question Time to the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister and the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety.
- 5.3 Members **noted** that the following Executive Business was scheduled for Tuesday 20 October:
- Question Time to the Minister of Justice and the Minister for Regional Development.

Committee Business

- 5.4 Members **agreed** to schedule the Consideration Stage of the Public Services Ombudsperson Bill for Tuesday 20 October.

Private Members' Business

- 5.5 Members **agreed** to schedule the Further Consideration Stage of Mr Steven Agnew's Children's Services Co-operation Bill for Monday 19 October.
- 5.6 Members **agreed** to schedule the Second Stage of Mr Daithí McKay's Rates (Relief for Community Amateur Sports Clubs) Bill for Tuesday 20 October.
- 5.7 Members **agreed** to schedule one Private Members' Motion on Monday 19 October.
- 5.8 Under the system of allocation, the selection for Monday 19 October lay with Alliance. The following motion was selected:
- 'Absence of Executive Ministers' (Mr S Dickson, Mr C Lyttle and Mr T Lunn)
- 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 20 October. Under the system of allocation, the selection lay with DUP. The DUP indicated that they would not be selecting a motion for debate; therefore the next selection fell to Sinn Féin. The following motion was selected:
- 'Environmental Health of South Down Beaches' (Mr C Hazzard)
- 5.11 Mr Kerr indicated that Ministers were available to respond to the motions.
- 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 1.00pm on Tuesday 13 October 2015 in Room 106.

The Chairperson brought the meeting to a close at 1.12pm

**The Speaker
Chairperson**