

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY
BUSINESS COMMITTEE

TUESDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2015
IN ROOM 106, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

MINUTES

The meeting began at 1.02pm.

Present:

The Speaker (Chairperson)
Mr S Dickson
Mr R McCartney
Mrs K McKeivitt
Mrs S Overend
Mr R Swann
Mr P Weir

In attendance:

Dr A McGarel Mr T Reaney Dr G McGrath	Clerk of Business Clerk/Chief Executive Director of Clerking and Reporting
Ms N Dunwoody Mr P Gill Ms A Kelly	Clerk Assistant Acting Clerk Assistant Legal Services and Governance
Mr R Ramsey Ms F Leneghan Mr G Ervine	Adviser to the Speaker PS/Speaker Assistant Assembly Clerk

Observers:

Junior Minister McCann
Junior Minister Pengelly
Mr A Rogers OFMDFM

1. Apologies

1.1 There were apologies from Mr Gerry Kelly, Lord Morrow, Mr Pat Ramsey and Ms Caitriona Ruane.

2. Minutes of previous meetings

2.1 The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 17 November were **agreed**.

3. Matters arising

3.1 Members **noted** further information on the departmental responsibility for scrap metal in other jurisdictions.

4. **Finalisation of the Order Papers for the plenary meetings in week commencing 30 November 2015**

Assembly Business

4.1 Members **noted** that a motion to suspend Standing Orders 10(2) to 10(4) has been scheduled for Monday 30 November.

4.2 Members **agreed** to schedule a motion from the UUP to change Committee Membership for Monday 30 November.

4.3 Members **agreed** to schedule a motion from the SDLP to change Committee Membership for Monday 30 November.

4.4 Members **agreed** to schedule the consideration of business not concluded on Monday 30 November, as the first item of business for Tuesday 01 December.

Executive Business

4.5 Members **noted** a request to schedule a Ministerial Statement from the Minister of Culture, Arts and Leisure for Monday 30 November.

4.6 Members **noted** a request to schedule the First Stage of the Departments Bill for Monday 30 November.

4.7 Members **noted** a request to schedule the First Stage of the Addressing Bullying in Schools Bill for Monday 30 November.

4.8 Members **noted** a request to schedule the First Stage of the Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill for Monday 30 November.

4.9 Members **noted** that there was no further change to Executive Committee Business previously scheduled for Monday 30 November.

4.10 Members **noted** that there was no change to Executive Committee Business previously scheduled for Tuesday 01 December.

Committee Business

4.11 Members **noted** the wording of the motion tabled by the Committee for the Environment, scheduled for Monday 30 November.

- 4.12 Members **noted** that there was no further change to Committee Business previously scheduled for Monday 30 November.
- 4.13 Members **noted** that there were still no requests for Committee Business for Tuesday 01 December.

Private Members' Business

- 4.14 Members **noted** that there was still no Private Members' Business for Monday 30 November.
- 4.15 Members **agreed** to schedule the Second Stage Mrs Judith Cochrane's Licensing Bill for Tuesday 01 December.
- 4.16 Subsequent to the meeting, the Clerk of Business emailed Members to inform them that, in accordance with Standing Order 42(1), the earliest this bill can be scheduled for Second Stage is Monday 07 December.
- 4.17 Members **agreed**, via correspondence, to schedule the Second Stage Mrs Judith Cochrane's Licensing Bill for Monday 07 December
- 4.18 Junior Minister Pengelly advised that no further business was expected at this stage.
- 4.19 Members **agreed** that business listed for Tuesday 01 December is shown on a split Order Paper over Tuesday 01 December and Wednesday 02 December.
- 4.20 The draft Order Papers were **agreed**.

5. **Provisional arrangements for the plenary meetings in week commencing 07 December 2015**

Executive Business

- 5.1 Members **noted** that the following Executive Business was scheduled for Monday 07 December:
- First Stage of the Employment Bill.
 - Legislative Consent Motion for the Enterprise Bill: Restriction on Public Sector Exit Payments.
 - Question Time to the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister and the Minister of Finance and Personnel.

5.2 Members **noted** that the following Executive Business was scheduled for Tuesday 08 December:

- Motion on Accelerated Passage of the Departments Bill.
- Second Stage of the Departments Bill.
- Second Stage of the Addressing Bullying in Schools Bill.
- Second Stage of the Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill.
- Consideration Stage of the Water and Sewerage Services Bill.
- Final Stage of the Food Hygiene Rating Bill.
- Final Stage of the Insolvency (Amendment) Bill.
- Motion on Occupational Pension Schemes (Charges and Governance) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015.
- Question Time to the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety and the Minister of Justice.

Committee Business

5.3 Members **agreed** to schedule a motion from the Committee for Health, Social Services and Public Safety to extend the Committee Stage of the Human Transplantation Bill for Monday 07 December.

5.4 Members **agreed** to schedule a motion from the Committee for Agriculture and Rural Development to extend the Committee Stage of the Rural Needs Bill for Monday 07 December.

5.5 Members **agreed** to schedule a motion from the Committee for Employment and Learning on Part-time Higher Education for Monday 07 December.

5.6 Members **agreed** that up to 1 hour 30 minutes should be allocated for the motion, with 10 minutes to move, 10 minutes to wind and 5 minutes for all other speakers.

5.7 Members **agreed** to schedule a motion from the Committee for Justice on its Business Crime Report for Monday 07 December with wording of the motion to be confirmed next week.

5.8 Members **agreed** that up to 1 hour 30 minutes should be allocated for the motion, with 10 minutes to move, 10 minutes to wind and 5 minutes for all other speakers.

5.9 Members **agreed** to schedule the Final Stage of the Northern Ireland Public Services Ombudsperson Bill for Tuesday 08 December.

Private Members' Business

- 5.10 Members **noted** that there was no time to schedule Private Members' Motions on either day.
- 5.11 Members **agreed** that, as there will be no Business Committee on Tuesday 08 December, not to suspend for lunch that day.
- 5.12 The provisional Order Papers were **agreed**.
6. **Question Time Rota from January 2016 to March 2016**
- 6.1 Members **agreed** the Question Time Rota from January 2016 to March 2016.
7. **Any other business**
- 7.1 Members **noted** the latest version of 'Speaker's Rulings and Conventions' and **agreed** for these to be issued.
- 7.2 The Speaker acknowledged that this was Mrs N Dunwoody's last meeting and on behalf of the Members, thanked her for all her work on the Business Committee.
8. **Date and time of next meeting**
- 8.1 Members **agreed** to meet at 1.00pm on Tuesday 01 December 2015 in Room 106.

The Chairperson brought the meeting to a close at 1.14pm

The Speaker
Chairperson