

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY
BUSINESS COMMITTEE

TUESDAY 19 JANUARY 2016
IN ROOM 106, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

MINUTES

The meeting began at 1.05pm.

Present:

The Speaker (Chairperson)
Mr T Clarke
Mr S Dickson
Mr A Maginness
Mrs S Overend
Ms C Ruane
Mr R Swann
Mr P Weir

In attendance:

Dr A McGarel	Clerk of Business
Mr G McGrath	Director of Parliamentary Services
Mr D Martin	Clerk Assistant
Mr P Gill	Acting Clerk Assistant
Ms T Caul	Acting Director Legal Services and Governance
Mr R Ramsey	Adviser to the Speaker
Ms F Leneghan	PS/Speaker
Mr G Ervine	Assistant Assembly Clerk

Observers:

Junior Minister Pengelly
Ms C Kerr **OFMDFM**

1. Apologies

1.1 There were apologies from Mr Gerry Kelly and Ms K McKeivitt.

2. Minutes of previous meetings

2.1 The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 12 January were **agreed**.

3. Matters arising

4. Finalisation of the Order Papers for the plenary meetings in week commencing 25 January 2016

Executive Business

- 4.1 Members **noted** the Ministerial Statement from the Minister of Justice was removed from business for Monday 25 January.
- 4.2 Members **noted** that there was no further change to Executive Committee Business previously scheduled for Monday 25 January.
- 4.3 Members **noted** that there was no change to Executive Committee Business previously scheduled for Tuesday 26 January.

Committee Business

- 4.4 Members **agreed** to schedule a motion from the Committee for Employment and Learning to extend the Committee Stage of the Employment Bill for Monday 25 January.
- 4.5 Members **noted** that there was still no Committee Business scheduled for Tuesday 26 January.

Private Members' Business

- 4.6 Members **noted** that there was still no Private Members' Business scheduled for Monday 25 January.
- 4.7 Members **noted** that there was still no Private Members' Business scheduled for Tuesday 26 January.
- 4.8 Junior Minister Pengelly advised that no further business was expected at this stage.
- 4.9 The draft Order Papers were **agreed**.

5. **Provisional arrangements for the plenary meetings in week commencing 01 February 2016**

Assembly Business

- 5.1 Members **agreed** to schedule a motion to suspend Standing Orders 10(2) to 10(4) for Monday 01 February.

Executive Business

5.2 Members **noted** that the following Executive Business was scheduled for Monday 01 February:

- Two Ministerial Statements from the Minister of Employment and Learning on North South Ministerial Council Tourism and North South Ministerial Council Trade and Business Development Sectoral Formats.
- Further Consideration Stage of the Departments Bill.
- Further Consideration Stage of the Rates (Amendment) Bill.
- Legislative Consent Motion on Housing and Planning Bill.
- Consideration Stage of the Housing (Amendment) Bill.
- Question Time to the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister and the Minister for Regional Development.

5.3 Members **noted** that the following Executive Business was scheduled for Tuesday 02 February:

- Consideration Stage of the Assembly Members (Reduction of Numbers) Bill.
- Final Stage of the Rates (Amendment) Bill.
- Motion: Draft Public Service (Civil Servants & Others) Pensions (Consequential Provisions) (Amendment) Regulations 2016.
- Question Time to the Minister for Social Development and the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development.

Committee Business

5.4 Members **agreed** to provisionally schedule a motion from the Committee for the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister to suspend sections of Standing Order 37A and Standing Order 39(1) for Monday 01 February.

5.5 Members **agreed** to provisionally schedule the Exceptional Further Consideration Stage of the Public Services Ombudsman Bill for Monday 01 February.

5.6 Members **noted** that there were no requests for Committee Business for Tuesday 02 February.

Private Members' Business

5.7 Members **agreed** to schedule the Consideration Stage of Mr John McCallister's Assembly and Executive Reform (Assembly Opposition) Bill for Tuesday 02 February.

5.8 Members **noted** that there was no time to schedule any further Private Members' Motions on either day.

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

6. **Any other business**

6.1 The Speaker urged Members to ensure that the speaking lists for Plenary business are an accurate reflection of the intention of their Members.

6.2 The Speaker reminded Members that departmental officials sitting in the official's box during Plenary business are there to support and facilitate their Minister; other Members should not take part in lengthy discussions with these officials.

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

7.1 Members **agreed** to meet at 1.00pm on Tuesday 26 January 2016 in Room 106.

The Chairperson brought the meeting to a close at 1.16pm

The Speaker
Chairperson