

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY
BUSINESS COMMITTEE

TUESDAY 26 JANUARY 2016
IN ROOM 106, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

MINUTES

The meeting began at 1.03pm.

Present:

The Speaker (Chairperson)
Mr A Cochrane-Watson
Mr T Clarke
Mr S Dickson
Mr A Maginness
Mr R McCartney
Mrs K McKeivitt
Mrs S Overend
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	Clerk Assistant
Mr S Kelly	Legal Services and Governance
Mr R Ramsey	Adviser to the Speaker
Ms F Leneghan	PS/Speaker
Mr G Ervine	Assistant Assembly Clerk

Observers:

Deputy Speaker Beggs
Junior Minister McCann
Junior Minister Pengelly
Mr A Rogers **OFMDFM**

1. **Apologies**

1.1 There were apologies from Ms C Ruane and Mr R Swann.

2. **Minutes of previous meetings**

2.1 The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 19 January were **agreed**.

3. **Matters arising**

4. **Finalisation of the Order Papers for the plenary meetings in week commencing 01 February 2016**

Assembly Business

- 4.1 Members **agreed** to schedule a motion from the UUP to change Committee Membership for Monday 01 February.

Public Petition

- 4.2 Members **agreed** to schedule the presentation of a Public Petition by Mr Alban Maginness, on 'Development Proposals to Discontinue Little Flower Girls' School and St. Patrick's College, Bearnageeha', for Tuesday 02 February.

Executive Business

- 4.3 Members **noted** that there was no change to Executive Committee Business previously scheduled for Monday 01 February.
- 4.4 Members **noted** a request to schedule the Final Stage of the Departments Bill for Tuesday 02 February.
- 4.5 Members **noted** that there was no further change to Executive Committee Business previously scheduled for Tuesday 02 February.

Committee Business

- 4.6 Members **noted** correspondence from the Committee for the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister regarding the Exceptional Further Consideration Stage of the Public Services Ombudsman Bill, scheduled for Monday 01 February.
- 4.7 Members **noted** that there was still no Committee Business scheduled for Tuesday 02 February.

Private Members' Business

- 4.8 Members **noted** that there was still no Private Members' Business scheduled for Monday 01 February.
- 4.9 Members **noted** that there was no change to Private Members' Business scheduled for Tuesday 02 February.

4.10 Junior Minister McCann advised that no further business was expected at this stage.

4.11 The draft Order Papers were **agreed**.

5. **Provisional arrangements for the plenary meetings in week commencing 08 February 2016**

Assembly Business

5.1 Members **agreed** to schedule a motion to suspend Standing Orders 10(2) to 10(4) for Monday 08 February.

5.2 Members **agreed** to schedule the consideration of business not concluded on Monday 08 February as the first item of business for Tuesday 09 February.

Executive Business

5.3 Members **noted** that the following Executive Business was scheduled for Monday 08 February:

- Ministerial Statement from the Minister of Justice on the Rationalisation of the Court Estate.
- Motion on 2015-16 Spring Supplementary Estimates and 2016-17 Vote on Account. Members **agreed** to allow one debate on both motions, with a total allocation of 4 hours 30 minutes. The Minister will have one hour to divide between moving and winding at his discretion, with 7 minutes for all other speakers.
- First Stage of the Budget Bill.
- Further Consideration Stage of the Shared Education Bill.
- Further Consideration Stage of the Credit Unions and Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Bill.
- Final Stage of the Health and Social Care (Control of Data Processing) Bill.
- Motion on draft Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Amendment of Slavery or Human Trafficking Offences and Relevant UK Orders) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016.
- Question Time to the Minister of Culture, Arts and Leisure and the Minister of Education.

5.4 Members **noted** that the following Executive Business was scheduled for Tuesday 09 February:

- Final Stage of the Environmental Better Regulation Bill.

- Legislative Consent Motion on the Enterprise Bill: Small Business Commissioner Provisions.
- Consideration Stage of the Employment Bill.
- Second Stage of the Budget Bill.
- Consideration Stage of the Justice (No.2) Bill.
- Question Time to the Minister for Employment and Learning and the Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment.

Committee Business

- 5.5 Members **noted** that the Committee for Education has indicated it may wish to table a motion to extend the Committee Stage of the Addressing Bullying in Schools Bill for Monday 08 February. The wording of the motion will be provided next week if necessary.
- 5.6 Members **agreed** to schedule the Final Stage of the Public Services Ombudsman Bill for Tuesday 09 February.

Private Members' Business

- 5.7 Members **noted** that there was no time to schedule any Private Members' Motions on either day.
- 5.8 Members **agreed** that business listed for Tuesday 09 February is shown on a split Order Paper over Tuesday 09 February and Wednesday 10 February.
- 5.9 The provisional Order Papers were **agreed**.

6. **Any other business**

- 6.1 Mrs Overend asked if the Speaker had a cut off time in mind for the late sittings in the coming weeks.
- 6.2 The Speaker informed Members that he wanted to be mindful of family-friendly hours and would discuss this further with whips as business moved forward.

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

- 7.1 Members **agreed** to meet at 1.00pm on Tuesday 02 February 2016 in Room 106.

The Chairperson brought the meeting to a close at 1.12pm

**The Speaker
Chairperson**