

DRAFT
NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY
BUSINESS COMMITTEE

TUESDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2016
IN ROOM 106, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

MINUTES

The meeting began at 1.00pm.

Present:

	The Speaker (Chairperson)
	Mr A Attwood
	Dr S Farry
	Mr G Lyons
	Mr D McAleer
	Mr C McGrath
	Ms C Ní Chuilín
	Mrs S Overend
	Mr R Swann

In attendance:

	Dr A McGarel	Clerk of Business
	Mr P Gill	Clerk Assistant
	Mr D Martin	Clerk Assistant
	Mr J McMillen	Legal Services and Governance
	Mr R Ramsey	Adviser to the Speaker
	Ms F Leneghan	PS/Speaker
	Mr G Ervine	Assistant Assembly Clerk

Observers:

	Mr A Rogers	The Executive Office
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1. **Apologies**

1.1 There were apologies from Mr T Clarke and Mr S Dickson.

2. **Minutes of previous meetings**

2.1 The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 20 September were **agreed**.

3. **Matters arising**

4. **Finalisation of the Order Paper for plenary meetings in week commencing 03 October 2016**

Executive Committee Business

- 4.1 Members **noted** that there was no change to Executive Committee Business previously scheduled for Monday 03 October.
- 4.2 Members **noted** that there was no change to Executive Committee Business previously scheduled for Tuesday 04 October.

Committee Business

- 4.3 Members **noted** that there was still no Committee Business scheduled for Monday 03 October.
- 4.4 Members **noted** that there was no change to Committee Business previously scheduled for Tuesday 04 October.

Private Members' Business

- 4.5 Members **noted** that, following last week's meeting, Assembly Section advised that the Minister of Justice would not be available after 3:00pm on Monday 03 October. This impacted on the motion on 'Scrambler and Quad Bikes' and it was proposed that the two motions scheduled for that day were swapped on the Order Paper. There was also a re-wording of the 'Scrambler and Quad Bikes' motion. Members **agreed** to these changes.
- 4.6 Mr Rogers advised that he would confirm availability of Ministers, in relation to the 'Scrambler and Quad Bike' motion, after the meeting.
- 4.7 Mr Rogers advised that no further Executive business was expected at this stage.
- 4.8 The draft Order Papers were **agreed**.

5. **Provisional arrangements for the plenary meetings in week commencing 10 October 2016**

Executive Business

- 5.1 Members **noted** that the following Executive Business was scheduled for Monday 10 October:
- Legislative Consent Motion on the Cultural Property (Armed Conflicts) Bill.
 - Question Time for the Minister of Health and the Minister for Communities.

5.2 Members **noted** that the following Executive Business was scheduled for Tuesday 11 October:

- Question Time to the Minister for the Economy and the Minister of Education.

Private Members' Business

5.3 Members **agreed** to schedule two Private Members' Motions on Monday 10 October and two Private Members' Motions on Tuesday 11 October.

5.4 Under the system of allocation, the selections for Monday 10 October lay with UUP and DUP and the selections for Tuesday 11 October lay with Sinn Féin and DUP. The following motions were selected:

- 'Reclassification of Housing Associations' (Mr A Allen, Mr J Palmer and Mr P Smith).
- 'Growing Northern Ireland Exports' (Mr G Lyons, Mr T Buchanan, Mr M Storey and Mr G Dunne).
- 'Racial Equality Strategy' (Mr S Lynch, Ms C Archibald, Mr C Boylan and Mr P McGuigan).
- 'Healthier Lifestyles for Children' (Ms C Lockhart, Mr P Logan and Ms P Bradley).

5.5 Members **agreed** to schedule an Adjournment Debate on Tuesday 11 October. Under the system of allocation, the selection lay with Sinn Féin and the following adjournment debate was selected:

- 'Education Services in West Belfast' (Ms J McCann).

5.6 Mr Rogers advised that all Ministers were available.

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

6. Any Other Business

6.1 Members **noted** correspondence from the Minister of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs indicating that she is unavailable to answer questions on Monday 07 November. Members **agreed** that questions will be answered by the Minister for the Economy on her behalf.

6.2 Members **further noted** that the Speaker has written to the Minister of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs to express concern about the number of changes to her Question Time slots.

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

7.1 Members **agreed** to meet at 1:00pm on Tuesday 04 October 2016 in Room 106.

The Chairperson brought the meeting to a close at 1.06pm

The Speaker
Chairperson