

**DRAFT**  
**NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY**  
**BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

**TUESDAY 04 OCTOBER 2016**  
**IN ROOM 106, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS**

**MINUTES**

*The meeting began at 1.04pm.*

**Present:**

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

**In attendance:**

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

**Observers:**

**Junior Minister Fearon**  
**Junior Minister Ross**  
**Mr A Rogers            The Executive Office**

1. **Apologies**

1.1 There were apologies from Mr S Dickson and Mr C McGrath.

2. **Minutes of previous meetings**

2.1 The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 27 September were **agreed**.

3. **Matters arising**

4. **Finalisation of the Order Paper for plenary meetings in week commencing 10 October 2016**

### Public Petition

- 4.1 Members **agreed** to schedule the presentation of a Public Petition by Ms Paula Bradley, on 'Survival of General Practice in Northern Ireland', for Monday 10 October.

### Executive Committee Business

- 4.2 Members **noted** that there was no change to Executive Committee Business previously scheduled for Monday 10 October.
- 4.3 Members **noted** that there was no change to Executive Committee Business previously scheduled for Tuesday 11 October.

### Private Members' Business

- 4.4 Members **noted** that there was no change to Private Members' Business previously scheduled for Monday 10 October.
- 4.5 Members **noted** that there was no change to Private Members' Business previously scheduled for Tuesday 11 October.
- 4.6 Junior Minister Ross advised that no further Executive business was expected at this stage.
- 4.7 The draft Order Papers were **agreed**.

### **5. Provisional arrangements for the plenary meetings in week commencing 17 October 2016**

- 5.1 Members **agreed** that Tuesday 18 October is formally designated an opposition day.

### Executive Business

- 5.2 Members **noted** that the following Executive Business was scheduled for Monday 17 October:

- Ministerial Statement from the Minister of Justice on Inter-Governmental Agreement on Cooperation on Criminal Justice Matters.
- Question Time for the Executive Office and the Minister of Finance.

5.3 Members **noted** that the following Executive Business was scheduled for Tuesday 18 October:

- Question Time to the Minister of Health and the Minister for Infrastructure.

#### Opposition Business

5.4 Two motions were scheduled for Tuesday 18 October for discussion under 'Opposition Business'.

5.5 The first motion scheduled is on 'Housing' (Mr C Eastwood, Mr A Allen, Ms N Mallon and Mrs J Palmer). Members **agreed** that up to 1 hour 30 minutes should be allocated for the motion with the usual timings.

5.6 The second motion scheduled is on 'Deterioration in Cancer Services' (Mrs J Dobson, Mr R Butler, Mr M Durkan and Mr C McGrath). Members **agreed** that up to 2 hours 30 minutes should be allocated for the motion, with 15 minutes to move and 15 minutes to wind.

#### Private Members' Business

5.7 Members **agreed** to schedule two Private Members' Motions on Monday 17 October.

5.8 Under the system of allocation, the selections for Monday 17 October lay with SDLP and Sinn Féin. The following motions were selected:

- 'EU Special Status for Northern Ireland' (Mr C Eastwood, Ms C Hanna, Mr A Attwood and Mr M Durkan).
- 'Fair Prices for Farmers' Produce' (Ms L Dillon, Mr O McMullan and Ms C Archibald).

5.9 Members **agreed** to schedule an Adjournment Debate on Tuesday 18 October. Under the system of allocation, the selection lay with Alliance and the following adjournment debate was selected:

- 'Development at the Titanic Quarter' (Mrs N Long).

5.10 Junior Minister Ross advised that the Minister of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs would not be available in relation to the Sinn Féin motion 'Fair Prices for Farmers' Produce'; Ms Ní Chuilín undertook to inform the Business Office of her party's new selection following the meeting.

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

6. **Correspondence**

- 6.1 Members **noted** correspondence from the Minister for Infrastructure requesting to change the date of his Question Time slot from Tuesday 18 October to Monday 24 October.
- 6.2 Members **further noted** correspondence from the Speaker to the Minister for Infrastructure outlining the timeframes for amending Question Time slots and informing the Minister that his request cannot be approved.
- 6.3 Members **noted** correspondence from Mr Steven Agnew regarding the composition of the Business Committee, requesting that the Business Committee extends its membership to parties with two MLAs.
- 6.4 Members **agreed** to ask the Clerk to provide an advice paper on the implications of this request in order to re-visit this matter at next week's meeting.

7. **Any Other Business**

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

- 8.1 Members **agreed** to meet at 1:00pm on Tuesday 11 October 2016 in Room 106.

*The Chairperson brought the meeting to a close at 1.11pm*

**The Speaker**  
**Chairperson**