

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

**TUESDAY 14 JUNE 2016**  
**IN ROOM 106, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS**

**MINUTES**

*The meeting began at 1.00pm.*

**Present:**

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

**In attendance:**

<b>Dr A McGarel</b>	<b>Clerk of Business</b>
<b>Dr G McGrath</b>	<b>Director of Parliamentary Services</b>
<b>Mr D Martin</b>	<b>Clerk Assistant</b>
<b>Mr P Gill</b>	<b>Clerk Assistant</b>
<b>Ms A 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:**

<b>Ms C Ruane</b>	<b>Principal Deputy Speaker</b>
<b>Junior Minister Fearon</b>	
<b>Junior Minister Ross</b>	
<b>Mr A Rogers</b>	<b>The Executive Office</b>

1. **Apologies**

1.1 There was an apology from Mrs S Overend.

2. **Minutes of previous meetings**

2.1 The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 07 June were **agreed**.

3. **Matters arising**

4. **Opposition Days**

- 4.1 Members were referred to the advice paper regarding opposition days.
- 4.2 Members agreed to request a more detailed research paper looking at the allocation of opposition days in other legislatures.

5. **Finalisation of the Order Paper for plenary meetings in week commencing 20 June 2016**

Assembly Business

- 5.1 Members **agreed** to schedule two motions from Sinn Féin to change Committee Membership for Monday 20 June.

Executive Business

- 5.2 Members **noted** that the motion on Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order (Northern Ireland) 2016 has been moved from Tuesday 21 June to Monday 20 June.
- 5.3 Members **noted** that there was no further change to Executive Committee Business previously scheduled for Monday 20 June.
- 5.4 Members **noted** that there was no further change to Executive Committee Business previously scheduled for Tuesday 21 June.

Private Members' Business

- 5.5 Members **noted** a slight re-wording of the Sinn Féin motion on 'Landlord Registration Scheme' scheduled for Monday 20 June.
- 5.6 Members **noted** that there was no further change to Private Members' Business previously scheduled for Monday 20 June.
- 5.7 Members **noted** that, following last week's meeting, the DUP confirmed the adjournment topic for Tuesday 21 June would be 'Broadband Provision in West Tyrone'.
- 5.8 Members **noted** that there was no further change to Private Members' Business previously scheduled for Tuesday 21 June.

- 5.9 The Speaker asked Members to ensure that when they knew they had an adjournment selection, their party tabled a number of topics so that alternatives were available should they be needed.
- 5.10 Junior Minister Fearon advised that no further Executive business was expected at this stage.
- 5.11 The draft Order Papers were **agreed**.

6. **Provisional arrangements for the plenary meetings in week commencing 20 June 2016**

Executive Business

- 6.1 Members **noted** that the following Executive Business was scheduled for Monday 27 June:
- Suspension of Standing Orders 10(2) to 10(4).
  - Final Stage of the Budget (No. 2) Bill.
  - Draft Welfare Supplementary Payment (Loss of Disability Living Allowance) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016.
  - Draft Welfare Supplementary Payment (Loss of Disability-related Premiums) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016.
  - Draft Welfare Supplementary Payment (Loss of Carers Payments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016.
  - Members **agreed** to schedule a single debate to cover the three sets of regulations with the question put on each separately.
  - Draft Discretionary Support Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016.
  - Draft Landlord Registration Scheme (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016.
  - Question Time for The Executive Office and the Minister for Infrastructure.
- 6.2 Members **noted** that the following Executive Business was scheduled for Tuesday 28 June:
- Pensions (2015 Act) (Consequential and Supplementary Amendments) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016.
  - State Pension (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016.
  - State Pension (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016.
  - Occupational Pension Schemes (Scheme Administration) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016.

- Members **agreed** to schedule a single debate to cover the four sets of regulations with the question put on each separately.
- Question Time to the Minister of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs and the Minister for Communities.

### Committee Business

- 6.3 Members **agreed** to schedule a motion from the Committee on Standards and Privileges on the 'Code of Conduct and the Guide to the Rules Relating to the Conduct of Members' for Tuesday 28 June.
- 6.4 Members **agreed** that up to 1 hour 30 minutes should be allocated for the motion, with 10 minutes to move and wind and 5 minutes for all other speakers.

### Opposition Business and Private Members' Business

- 6.5 Members **agreed** to schedule one Motion on Tuesday 28 June. Under the system of allocation, the selection lay with the Official Opposition. The following motion was selected:
- 'Mental Health Champion' (Mr R Butler and Mrs J Dobson)
- 6.6 Members **agreed** to schedule an Adjournment Debate on Tuesday 28 June. Under the system of allocation, the selection lay with UUP and the following adjournment debate was selected:
- '£8m Underspend in Learning Disability Services in the Western Health and Social Care Trust' (Mr R Hussey)

6.7 Junior Minister Fearon advised that all Ministers were available.

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

### 7. Draft Question Time Rota

7.1 Members **agreed** the Question Time Rota until from September 2016 to December 2016.

### 8. Any Other Business

8.1 Members **agreed** to confirm Business Committee substitute Members with the Business Office following the meeting.

### 9. Date and time of next meeting

9.1 Members **agreed** to meet at 1:00pm on Tuesday 21 June 2016 in Room 106.

*The Chairperson brought the meeting to a close at 1.15pm*

**The Speaker**  
**Chairperson**