

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY
BUSINESS COMMITTEE

FRIDAY 16 DECEMBER 2016
IN ROOM 106, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

MINUTES

The meeting began at 4.34pm.

Present:

	The Speaker (Chairperson)
	Mr A Attwood
	Mr T Clarke
	Dr S Farry
	Ms C Ní Chuilín
	Mr R Swann

In attendance:

Mr P Gill	Clerk Assistant
Mrs L Hogg	Clerk/Chief Executive
Dr G McGrath	Director of Parliamentary Services
Mr D Martin	Clerk Assistant
Mr R Ramsey	Adviser to the Speaker
Ms F Leneghan	PS/Speaker
Mr G Ervine	Assistant Assembly Clerk
Mr M O'Hare	Clerical Supervisor

Observers:

Mr A Ross	Junior Minister
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1. **Apologies**

1.1 There were apologies from Mr S Agnew, Mr S Dickson, Mr G Lyons, Mr D McAleer, Mr C McGrath and Ms S Overend.

2. **Finalisation of the Order Paper for plenary meeting on Monday 19 December 2016**

Executive Committee Business

2.1 Members **noted** that a valid notice had been received, under Standing Order 11, from the First Minister and deputy First Minister, seeking a meeting of the Assembly on Monday 19 December to receive an oral statement from the First Minister and deputy First Minister on the Renewable Heat Incentive Scheme.

- 2.2 Members **noted** that the Assembly was summoned to meet on Monday 19 December 2016 at 10:30am to receive an oral statement from the First Minister and deputy First Minister on the Renewable Heat Incentive Scheme.

Assembly Business

- 2.3 Members **noted** that a valid notice had been received, under Standing Order 11, signed by 30 Members, seeking a meeting of the Assembly on Monday 19 December to debate a motion to exclude the First Minister under Section 30 of the Northern Ireland Act.
- 2.4 Members noted that this motion met the requirements of Section 30 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 and that it was competent.
- 2.5 The motion was scheduled as the second item of business on the Order Paper for Monday 19 December 2016.
- 2.6 Members **agreed** to suspend the sitting for one hour following the conclusion of questions on the statement following which this motion would be the next item of business.
- 2.7 Members **agreed** a total of 3 hours for the debate, with 10 minutes to move and 10 minutes to wind the motion, with 5 minutes for all other speakers.
- 2.8 Members further **agreed** that the First Minister would have 30 minutes to respond and be able to choose when she will speak, on the basis that it will be either be second or immediately before the wind.
- 2.9 The Order Paper was **agreed**.

3. Date and time of next meeting

- 3.1 Members **agreed** to meet at 1:00pm on Tuesday 10 January 2017 in Room 106.

The Chairperson brought the meeting to a close at 4.47pm

The Speaker
Chairperson