



Northern Ireland
Assembly

Ad Hoc Committee on the COVID-19 Response

Minutes of Proceedings: Tuesday 7 April 2020

The Ad Hoc Committee on the COVID-19 Response met at 2.30pm in the Assembly Chamber with the Deputy Chairperson, Mr Christopher Stalford, in the Chair.

1. Chairperson's Business

The Deputy Chairperson explained matters relating to the operation and procedures of the Committee.

2. Statement from the First Minister and deputy First Minister

The First Minister and deputy First Minister made a statement to the Committee, following which they answered questions from members.

Following this item of business, the meeting was suspended at 4.10pm and resumed at 4.16pm.

3. Statement from the Minister of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs

The Minister of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs made a statement to the Committee, following which he answered questions from members. The Minister was supported by Mr Norman Fulton, Director of Policy and Economics, Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs.

4. Date, time and place of next meeting.

The Deputy Chairperson confirmed that the next meeting of the Committee would take place at 2.30pm on Thursday 9 April 2020 in the Assembly Chamber.

Mr Christopher Stalford
Deputy Chairperson

9 April 2020

Members present for all or part of the proceedings:

Mr Christopher Stalford (Deputy Chairperson)

Dr Steve Aiken

Mr Jim Allister

Ms Martina Anderson

Ms Kellie Armstrong

Ms Clare Bailey

Mrs Rosemary Barton

Mr John Blair

Mr Keith Buchanan

Mr Robbie Butler

Mr Gerry Carroll

Mr Pat Catney

Mr Alan Chambers

Mr Gordon Dunne

Mrs Arlene Foster (First Minister)

Mr Colm Gildernew

Mr Paul Givan

Mr Harry Harvey

Mr William Irwin

Mr Declan Kearney

Mr Declan McAleer

Mr Philip McGuigan

Mr Colin McGrath

Mr Gary Middleton

Mr Mike Nesbitt

Mr John O'Dowd

Mrs Michelle O'Neill (deputy First Minister)

Mr Matthew O'Toole

Mr Edwin Poots (Minister of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs)

Mr Pat Sheehan

Ms Claire Sugden

*Any interests declared by members during the committee meeting are recorded in the minutes of evidence published in the Official Report.