



Northern Ireland
Assembly

Ad Hoc Committee on the COVID-19 Response

Minutes of Proceedings: Thursday 7 May 2020

The Ad Hoc Committee on the COVID-19 Response met at 1.30 p.m. in the Assembly Chamber with the Deputy Chairperson, Mr Roy Beggs, in the Chair.

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 30 April 2020

Members were asked to note the minutes of the previous meeting held on 30 April 2020 which were agreed by the Deputy Chairperson, Mr Christopher Stalford.

The Deputy Chairman noted that on 30 April 2020, the Minister of Justice had informed the Speaker's Office that she wished to make a statement to the Committee at the meeting scheduled for today, but that a subsequent notice had been received indicating that the Minister wished to defer her statement until the following week and that the Speaker's Office had notified members of the change.

2. Statement from the Minister for the Economy

The Minister for the Economy made a statement to the Committee, following which she answered questions from members.

3. Date, time and place of next meeting.

The Deputy Chairperson advised that the Committee that confirmation had been received from the Justice Minister indicating that she wished to make her deferred statement to the Ad Hoc Committee at a meeting to held on Thursday 14 May 2020 and that unless otherwise notified about an earlier meeting, that is when the next meeting would take place, and that written notification confirming the time of the meeting would issue to members in the usual way.

The Deputy Chairperson reminded members that a plenary sitting of the Assembly was scheduled to take place on Tuesday 12 May 2020 and that Ministers could continue to make oral statements to the Assembly on sitting days.

The meeting adjourned at 2.52 p.m.

Mr Roy Beggs
Deputy Chairperson
14 May 2020

Members present for all or part of the proceedings:

Mr Roy Beggs (Deputy Chairperson)

Mr Jim Allister
Dr Caoimhe Archibald
Mr Cathal Boylan
Ms Paula Bradshaw
Mr Keith Buchanan
Mr Robbie Butler
Mr Gerry Carroll
Ms Linda Dillon
Mrs Diane Dodds (Minister for the Economy)
Mr Gordon Dunne
Mr Paul Frew
Mr Paul Givan
Ms Catherine Kelly
Mr Colin McGrath
Ms Sinead McLaughlin
Mr Gary Middleton
Mr Andrew Muir
Mr John O'Dowd
Mr Matthew O'Toole
Mr John Stewart
Mr Jim Wells
Miss Rachel Woods

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