



Northern Ireland  
Assembly

# Ad Hoc Committee on the COVID-19 Response

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## Minutes of Proceedings: Thursday 14 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 Christopher Stalford, in the Chair.

### 1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 7 May 2020

Members were asked to note the minutes of the previous meeting held on 7 May 2020 which were agreed by the Deputy Chairperson, Mr Roy Beggs.

### 2. Statement from the Minister of Justice

The Minister of Justice made a statement to the Committee, following which she answered questions from members. The Minister was supported by Mr Peter May, Permanent Secretary of the Department of Justice.

Following this item of business, the meeting was suspended at 2.56pm and resumed at 3.05pm.

### 3. Statement from the Minister of Health

The Minister of Health made a statement to the Committee, following which he answered questions from members.

### 4. Date, time and place of next meeting.

The Deputy Chairperson advised that the Committee had yet to receive confirmation from the Executive about when Ministers would next come to make

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a statement to the Ad Hoc Committee and that as soon as confirmation was received, written notification of the time, date and place of the next 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 19 May 2020 and that Ministers could continue to make oral statements to the Assembly on sitting days.

*The meeting adjourned at 4.34 p.m.*

Mr Christopher Stalford  
Deputy Chairperson  
15 May 2020

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**Members present for all or part of the proceedings:**

Mr Christopher Stalford (Deputy Chairperson)

Mr Jim Allister  
Dr Caoimhe Archibald  
Mr Doug Beattie  
Mr John Blair  
Ms Sinead Bradley  
Ms Paula Bradshaw  
Mr Thomas Buchanan  
Mr Robbie Butler  
Ms Pam Cameron  
Mr Gerry Carroll  
Mr Alan Chambers  
Ms Linda Dillon  
Mr Gordon Dunne  
Mr Paul Frew  
Mr Colm Gildernew  
Mr Paul Givan  
Ms Catherine Kelly  
Ms Naomi Long (Minister of Justice)  
Mr Chris Lyttle  
Mr Daniel McCrossan  
Mr Colin McGrath  
Mr Justin McNulty  
Mr Andrew Muir  
Mr John O'Dowd  
Mr Matthew O'Toole  
Mr Pat Sheehan  
Mr Robin Swann (Minister of Health)  
Mr Jim Wells  
Ms Rachel Woods

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