

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

**TUESDAY 4 MAY 2021**  
**SENATE CHAMBER, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS**

**MINUTES**

*The meeting began at 1.05pm.*

**Present:**

**The Speaker (Chairperson)**  
**Ms C Bailey**  
**Mr K Buchanan**  
**Mr R Butler**  
**Ms S Ennis**  
**Ms D Kelly**  
**Mr C McGrath**  
**Mr G Middleton**  
**Mr A Muir**  
**Mr J O'Dowd**

**In attendance:**

<b>Dr A McGarel</b>	<b>Clerk of Business</b>
<b>Mr P Gill</b>	<b>Clerk Assistant</b>
<b>Ms L Hogg</b>	<b>Clerk/Chief Executive</b>
<b>Dr G McGrath</b>	<b>Director of Parliamentary Services</b>
<b>Ms A McKelvey</b>	<b>Legal Advisor</b>
<b>Mr R Ramsey</b>	<b>Adviser to the Speaker</b>
<b>Ms F Leneghan</b>	<b>PS to the Speaker</b>
<b>Ms P Devlin</b>	<b>Assistant Assembly Clerk</b>
<b>Mr M O'Hare</b>	<b>Clerical Supervisor</b>

**Observers:**

<b>Mr D Kearney</b>	<b>Junior Minister</b>
<b>Mr D McCreedy</b>	<b>The Executive Office</b>

**1 Apologies**

1.1 Apologies were received from Kellie Armstrong and John Stewart.

**2 Minutes of previous meeting**

2.1 The minutes of the meeting on 27 April were **agreed**.

### 3 **Matters Arising**

- 3.1 The Speaker noted that he had received some responses from parties on his proposals for managing legislative debate timings, and encouraged those who had not yet responded to do so by the end of the week.
- 3.2 There were no other matters arising.

### 4 **Finalisation of the Order Papers for the Plenary Meetings in Week Commencing 10 May 2021**

#### **Monday 10 May**

##### **Executive Committee Business**

- 4.1 Members **noted** that the notice from the Executive included the Rates (Regional Rates) Order which is brought forward annually by the Minister of Finance and which would by convention be untimed.
- 4.2 Members **agreed** to schedule an untimed debate for the Rates (Regional Rates) Order.

##### **Committee Business**

- 4.3 Members **noted** that they had agreed to schedule a motion for the Committee for Health on this date, but that the Committee Clerk had since requested that it is rescheduled for a later date.

##### **Private Members' Business**

- 4.4 Members **noted** that there was sufficient time available for Private Members' Business.
- 4.5 Members **noted** that previously, Ms Bailey had agreed to defer Second Stage of her Private Member's Bill to this week, subject to Executive Business.
- 4.6 Members **agreed** to schedule an untimed debate for Second Stage of the Climate Change Bill.
- 4.7 Members **agreed** the Order Paper for Monday 10 May.

#### **Tuesday 11 May**

##### **Executive Committee Business**

- 4.8 Members **noted** that no Executive business had been notified.

### Committee Business

4.9 Members **noted** that no Committee Business had been requested.

### Private Members' Business

4.10 Members **noted** that sufficient time was available to schedule Private Members' business.

4.11 Members **agreed** to schedule the following Private Members' motions with the usual timings:

- Autism Strategy (SF)
- Strategies to Protect Peatlands and Woodlands (SDLP)

4.12 Members **agreed** to schedule the following adjournment debate:

- Enniskillen Bypass and A4 Upgrade (SF)

4.13 The junior Minister indicated that all Ministers were currently available.

4.14 Members **agreed** the Order Paper for Tuesday 11 May.

## 5 **Provisional Arrangements for the Plenary Meetings in Week Commencing 17 May 2021**

### **Monday 17 May**

#### Executive Committee Business

5.1 Members **noted** that Question Time was scheduled for the Executive Office and Minister of Finance.

5.2 Members **noted** that notice from the Executive included two items of business as follows:

- Further Consideration Stage of the Pension Schemes Bill.
- The Corporate Insolvency and Governance Act 2020 (Coronavirus) (Suspension of Liability for Wrongful Trading) Regulations (NI) 2021

5.3 Members **agreed** to schedule untimed debates for both items of business.

- 5.4 The junior Minister advised that no other Executive business was expected at that time.

#### Committee Business

- 5.5 Members **noted** that there were no requests for Committee Business to date.

#### Private Members' Business

- 5.6 Members **agreed** to defer consideration of Private Members' business until the next meeting.
- 5.7 Members **agreed** the Provisional Order Paper for Monday 17 May.

### **Tuesday 18 May**

#### Executive Committee Business

- 5.8 Members **noted** that Question Time was scheduled for the Minister of Health.
- 5.9 Members **noted** that no other Executive business had been notified.
- 5.10 The junior Minister indicated that no other business was expected at that time.

#### Committee Business

- 5.11 Members **noted** that there were no requests for Committee Business to date.

#### Private Members' Business

- 5.12 Members **agreed** to defer consideration of Private Members' business until the next meeting.
- 5.13 Members **agreed** the Provisional Order Paper for Tuesday 18 May.

### **6 Any Other Business**

- 6.1 There was no other business.

7 **Date and time of next meeting**

- 7.1 Members **agreed** that the next meeting would take place on Tuesday 11 May in the Senate Chamber, Parliament Buildings.

*The Speaker brought the meeting to a close at 1.10pm*

**The Speaker  
Chairperson**