

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

**TUESDAY 8 JUNE 2021**  
**SENATE CHAMBER, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS**

**MINUTES**

*The meeting began at 1.05pm.*

**Present:**

**The Speaker (Chairperson)**

**Mr A Allen**

**Ms K Armstrong**

**Ms C Bailey**

**Mr R Butler**

**Ms J Bunting**

**Mr T Clarke**

**Mrs D Kelly**

**Mr C McGrath**

**Mr A Muir**

**Mr J O'Dowd**

**In attendance:**

**Dr A McGarel**

**Mr P Gill**

**Ms L Hogg**

**Dr G McGrath**

**Ms K McDonald**

**Mr R Ramsey**

**Ms F Leneghan**

**Ms P Devlin**

**Mr M O'Hare**

**Clerk of Business**

**Clerk Assistant**

**Clerk/Chief Executive**

**Director of Parliamentary  
Services**

**Legal Services**

**Adviser to the Speaker**

**PS to the Speaker**

**Assistant Assembly Clerk**

**Clerical Supervisor**

**Observers:**

**Mr D Kearney**

**Mr D McCreedy**

**Junior Minister**

**The Executive Office**

**1 Apologies**

1.1 There were no apologies.

1.2 The Speaker welcomed formally Joanne Bunting and Trevor Clarke as members of the Committee.

## 2 **Minutes of previous meeting**

2.1 The minutes of the meeting on 1 June were **agreed**.

## 3 **Matters Arising**

3.1 The Speaker advised that he would return to the Committee on Procedures' correspondence on Consent Decisions at the next meeting.

3.2 There were no other matters arising.

## 4 **Finalisation of the Order Papers for the Plenary Meetings in Week Commencing 14 June 2021**

### **Monday 14 June**

#### **Executive Committee Business**

- 4.1 Members **noted** that, in addition to the business agreed at last week's meeting, the Executive Office had listed a further three items of business.
- 4.2 Members **noted** that the Minister for Communities had listed First Stage of the Local Government (Meetings and Performance) Bill, and that it would be included on Indicative Timings when it had been confirmed that the bill was within the legislative competence of the Assembly.
- 4.3 Members **agreed** to schedule an untimed debate for the motion to approve the Rates (Exemption for Automatic Telling Machines in Rural Areas) Order (Northern Ireland) 2021.
- 4.4 Members **agreed** to schedule an untimed debate for the motion to approve the Official Statistics (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2021.

#### **Committee Business**

4.5 Members **noted** that no Committee Business was requested.

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

4.6 Members **agreed** that insufficient time was available to schedule Private Members' motions.

4.7 Members **agreed** the Order Paper for Monday 14 June.

## **Tuesday 15 June**

### **Executive Committee Business**

4.8 Members **noted** that the Executive Office had listed the following three statutory rules to be approved:

- The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) Regulations (NI) 2021 (Amendment No. 4) Regulations (NI) 2021
- The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) Regulations (NI) 2021 (Amendment No. 5) Regulations (NI) 2021
- The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Wearing of Face Coverings) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (NI) 2021

4.9 Members **agreed** to schedule a single untimed debate to consider all three regulations.

### **Committee Business**

4.10 Members **noted** that the Health Committee debate relating to Carer's Week remained scheduled, and that the full text of the motion had been confirmed.

4.11 Members **agreed** to schedule 30 minutes for a Committee on Procedures' motion to Amend Standing Order 110 with five minutes for all speakers.

4.12 Members **agreed** to schedule one and a half hours for a Committee on Procedures' motion on Simultaneous Interpretation of Assembly Business in Irish and Ulster Scots, as set out in 'New Decade, New Approach', with 10 minutes for move and wind and five minutes for all other speakers.

### **Private Members' Business**

4.13 Members **agreed** that insufficient time was available to schedule Private Members' business.

4.14 Members **agreed** the Order Paper for Tuesday 15 June.

5 **Provisional Arrangements for the Plenary Meetings in Week Commencing 21 June 2021**

**Monday 21 June**

Executive Committee Business

- 5.1 Members **noted** that Question Time was scheduled for the Minister of Justice and the Minister of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs.
- 5.2 Members **noted** that the Minister for Communities had listed motions to approve The Social Security Benefits Up-Rating Order (NI) 2021 and The Social Security Benefits Up-Rating Regulations (NI) 2021.
- 5.3 Members **agreed** to schedule a single untimed debate for both motions.
- 5.4 Members **noted** that the Minister for Communities had listed a motion to approve the Mesothelioma Lump Sum Payments (Conditions and Amounts) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2021.
- 5.5 Members **agreed** to schedule an untimed debate for the motion.
- 5.6 Members **noted** that the Minister for Communities had listed Further Consideration Stage of the Licensing and Registration of Clubs Bill.
- 5.7 Members **agreed** to schedule an untimed debate for the Bill stage.
- 5.8 Members **noted** that the Minister of Finance had listed Further Consideration Stage of the Budget (No. 2) Bill.
- 5.9 Members **agreed** to schedule an untimed debate for the Bill stage.
- 5.10 The junior Minister indicated that no other business was expected at that time.

Private Members' Business

- 5.11 Members **noted** that there may be sufficient time for Private Members' business, but **agreed** to defer any decisions until the next meeting.
- 5.12 Members **agreed** the Provisional Order Paper for Monday 21 June.

## **Tuesday 22 June**

### **Executive Committee Business**

- 5.13 Members **noted** that Question Time was scheduled for the Minister for Communities.
- 5.14 Members **noted** that the Minister for Infrastructure had listed a statement on the NSMC Inland Waterways Sectoral Meeting which would be included on Indicative Timings once confirmed with the Speaker's Office.
- 5.15 Members **noted** that the Minister of Finance had listed Final Stage of the Budget (No. 2) Bill.
- 5.16 Members **agreed** to schedule an untimed debate for the Bill stage.
- 5.17 Members **noted** that the Minister for Communities had scheduled a motion seeking the approval of the Assembly for the Local Government (Meetings and Performance) Bill to proceed via accelerated passage.
- 5.18 Members **agreed** to schedule an untimed debate for the motion.
- 5.19 Members **noted** that the Minister for Communities had scheduled Second Stage of the Local Government (Meetings and Performance) Bill.
- 5.20 Members **agreed** to schedule an untimed debate for the Bill stage.
- 5.21 The junior Minister indicated that no other business was expected at that time.

### **Private Members' Business**

- 5.22 Members **noted** that there was likely to be insufficient time for Private Members' business, but **agreed** to confirm this at the next meeting.
- 5.23 Members **agreed** the Provisional Order Paper for Tuesday 22 June.

## **6 Any Other Business**

- 6.1 Members **noted** that, as required by Standing Order 55(4), the Speaker had appointed Joanne Bunting as one of two Committee members who could chair the Committee in his absence.

6.2 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 15 June in the Senate Chamber, Parliament Buildings.

*The Speaker brought the meeting to a close at 1.14pm*

**The Speaker  
Chairperson**