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# Concurrent Committee of the Committee for the Economy, Committee for Infrastructure and Committee for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs

## **Minutes of Proceedings**

24 March 2021

**Meeting Location:** Senate Chamber, Parliament Buildings

**Present:** Dr Caoimhe Archibald MLA (Chairperson)  
Ms Michelle McIlveen MLA (Deputy Chairperson)  
Mr Philip McGuigan MLA (Deputy Chairperson)

**Present by Video or Teleconference:**

Ms Clare Bailey MLA  
Mrs Rosemary Barton MLA  
Mr Roy Beggs MLA  
Mr John Blair MLA  
Mr Cathal Boylan MLA  
Mr Maurice Bradley MLA  
Mr Keith Buchanan MLA  
Mr Stewart Dickson MLA



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Mr Harry Harvey MLA

Mr William Irwin MLA

Mrs Dolores Kelly MLA

Ms Liz Kimmins MLA

Mr Gary Middleton MLA

Mr Patsy McGlone MLA

Ms Sinéad McLaughlin MLA

Mr Andrew Muir MLA

Mr John O'Dowd MLA

Mr Christopher Stalford MLA

Mr John Stewart MLA

Ms Claire Sugden MLA

**Apologies:**

Ms Martina Anderson MLA

Mr Gordon Dunne MBE MLA

Mr David Hilditch MLA

Mr Declan McAleer MLA

**In Attendance:**

Mr Peter Hall (Assembly Clerk)

Ms Stella McArdle (Assembly Clerk)

Ms Cathie White (Assembly Clerk)

Mr Jonathan Lawless (Assistant Assembly Clerk)

Ms Elaine Farrell (Assistant Assembly Clerk)



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Ms Sinead Kelly (Assistant Clerk)  
Mr Michael Greer (Clerical Officer)  
Ms Marion Johnston (Clerical Supervisor)  
Ms Jean Barkley (Clerical Officer)  
Ms Kate Duffy (Clerical Officer)  
Mr Thomas Manning (Clerical Officer)  
Ms Shauna Mageean (EU Affairs Manager)  
Ms Jessica Jacques (EU Affairs Officer)

The meeting commenced at 10.14 am in open session

**1. Apologies**

As above.

**2. Briefing from The Trader Support Service (TSS) & Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC) – Impact of the Northern Ireland Protocol**

The representatives joined the meeting at 10.22 am. via StarLeaf

Mrs Mary Scullion, Head of Customer Service, Local and Devolved Government, TSS

Mr Christian Benson, VP Client Managing Director, TSS

Mr Aidan Reilly – Director for Customs and Border Design, HMRC

Mrs Julie Etheridge, Senior Reporting Officer, HMRC



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The representatives briefed the Committee and this was followed by a question and answer session.

The oral evidence session was reported by Hansard.

Mrs Barton left the meeting at 11.32 a.m.

Mr Blair left the meeting at 11.35 a.m.

Mrs Kelly left the meeting at 11.38 a.m.

The Chairperson thanked the representatives for their attendance.

The representatives left the meeting at 11.52 am.

**Agreed:** Members agreed to forward any further questions to the representatives to Economy Committee office team.

**Agreed:** The Committee agreed that the minutes of the meeting would be agreed by the three chairpersons and signed off by the Chairperson of the Concurrent Committee.

### 3. Any Other Business

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 11.53 am.

**Dr Caoimhe Archibald MLA**  
**Chairperson, Concurrent Committee of the**  
**Committee for the Economy,**



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