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Assembly

Committee for Education

Minutes of Proceedings

9 December 2021

Meeting Location: Teleconference

Present by Video or Teleconference:

Mr Chris Lyttle MLA (Chairperson)
Mr Pat Sheehan MLA (Deputy Chairperson)
Ms Nicola Brogan MLA
Mr Robbie Butler MLA
Mrs Diane Dodds MLA
Mr Daniel McCrossan MLA
Mr Justin McNulty MLA

Ms Aoibhinn Treanor (Assembly Clerk)
Mr Mark McQuade (Assistant Clerk)
Mr Marcus Matthews (Clerical Supervisor)
Mr Craig Mealey (Clerical Officer)

Apologies:

Mr Harry Harvey MLA
Mr Robin Newton MBE MLA



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The meeting commenced at 9:12am in public session.

1. Apologies

Apologies as above.

2. Period Products (Free Provision) Bill - Oral Briefing from the Homeless Period Belfast

The following witnesses joined the meeting by video conference at 9:13am:

Ms Katrina McDonnell, Founder and Campaign Manager, Homeless Period Belfast

Ms Katie Bryce, Campaigner, Homeless Period Belfast.

The witnesses briefed the Committee on the Period Products (Free Provision) Bill .

The briefing was covered by Hansard.

This was followed by a question and answer session.

Mr Butler joined the meeting at 9:30am

Mr McCrossan joined the meeting at 9:36am.

Mr Butler left the meeting at 9:43am.

Mr McNulty left the meeting at 9:51am.

Mrs Dodds left the meeting at 9:51am.

The Chairperson thanked the witnesses for the briefing.



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3. Period Products (Free Provision) Bill - Oral briefing from the Ulster University Students' Union Period Poverty Action Group

The following witnesses joined the meeting by video conference at 10:05am:

Ms Grace Boyle, Vice President Education, Ulster University Students' Union Period Poverty Action Group.

Mr Owen McCloskey, Ulster University Students' Union President

The witnesses briefed the Committee on the Period Products (Free Provision) Bill.

The briefing was covered by Hansard.

This was followed by a question and answer session.

The Chairperson thanked the witnesses for the briefing.

4. Any Other Business

No other business was discussed.

5. Date, Time and Place of the next meeting

The next formal Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday 15 December 2021 by video conference at 9:00am.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:38pm.

Chris Lyttle MLA

**Chairperson, Committee for Education
15 December 2021**