



Northern Ireland
Assembly

Committee for Education

Minutes of Proceedings

16 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

Mr Robin Newton MBE MLA

Ms Aoibhinn Treanor (Assembly Clerk)

Mr Mark McQuade (Assistant Clerk)

Mr Marcus Matthews (Clerical Supervisor)

Mr Craig Mealey (Clerical Officer)

Ms Niamh Devlin, (Research Officer), Item 3 only

Apologies: Mr Harry Harvey MLA



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The meeting commenced at 9:25am in public session.

1. Apologies

Apologies as above.

2. Period Products (Free Provision) Bill - Oral Briefing from the Northern Ireland Assembly Research and Information Service

The Committee noted:

- A paper from the Research and Information Service; and
- Correspondence from the Bill's Sponsor, Pat Catney MLA, on the financial implications of the Bill.

The following witness joined the meeting by video conference at 9:26am:

Ms Niamh Devlin, Research Officer, Northern Ireland Assembly Research and Information Service.

Ms Devlin briefed the Committee on the Research and Information Service paper.

This was followed by a question and answer session.

Mr McCrossan joined the meeting at 9:47am

Mr Butler left the meeting at 9:54am

The Chairperson thanked Ms Devlin for the briefing.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to extend its call for evidence on the Bill to Friday 7 January 2022.



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Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Department of Finance seeking information on the cross departmental nature of the Bill and gender budgeting.

3. Any Other Business

No other business was discussed.

4. Date, Time and Place of the next meeting

The next formal Committee meeting will be held on Friday 17 December 2021 by video conference at 9:15am.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20am.

Chris Lyttle MLA

Chairperson, Committee for Education

12 January 2022