



COMMITTEE FOR FINANCE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY 25 MARCH 2020

Room 29, Parliament Buildings, Belfast

Present: Dr Steve Aiken OBE MLA (Chairperson)
Mr Paul Frew MLA (Deputy Chairperson)
Mr Jim Allister MLA
Ms Jemma Dolan MLA
Mr Seán Lynch MLA

Apologies: Mr Pat Catney MLA, Mr Maolíosa McHugh MLA, Mr Matthew O'Toole MLA, Mr Jim Wells MLA

In Attendance: Mr Jim McManus (Assembly Clerk)
Mr Neil Sedgewick (Clerical Supervisor)

The meeting commenced at 14.02pm in public session.

1. Apologies

As above.

A member declared the following interest:

Mr Jim Allister MLA declared an interest at Agenda Item 7 - Private Members Legislation: The Functioning of Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill sponsor

7. Private Members Legislation: The Functioning of Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill

The Committee considered a number of issues relating to the Private Members Legislation: The Functioning of Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill including the timeline and invitations for oral and written evidence.

The Committee considered a proposal from Dr. Steve Aiken MLA in relation to an extension to the timeline of committee scrutiny of the Bill.

Proposed: To table a motion in plenary to extend the Committee Stage of the Functioning of Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill until Wednesday 2nd December 2020.

The Committee divided on Dr Aiken's proposal: Ayes 4; Noes; 1; Abstain 0.

AYES

Steve Aiken MLA
Paul Frew MLA
Jemma Dolan MLA
Séan Lynch MLA

NOES

Jim Allister MLA

Agreed: To table a motion in plenary to extend the Committee Stage of the Functioning of Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill until Wednesday 2nd December 2020

Agreed: To prepare a draft motion to extend the Committee Stage of the Bill for meeting on 22 April 2020

Agreed: To invite the Minister of Finance, the Permanent Secretary and the Head of the Civil Service to give oral evidence

Agreed: To issue to identified consultees the draft letter calling for written evidence; to update to the Committee's webpage to reflect the agreed content for the legislation and to issue the newspaper advertisement calling for written evidence on the Bill

[Extract]