



**CONCURRENT MEETING OF THE COMMITTEES FOR AGRICULTURE
AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTERPRISE, TRADE AND
INVESTMENT**

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

9 JUNE 2015

SENATE CHAMBER, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS, 12.30PM

- Present:
- Mr William Irwin (Chairperson Committee for ARD)
 - Mr Patsy McGlone (Chairperson Committee for ETI)
 - Mr Joe Byrne (Deputy Chairperson Committee for ARD)
 - Mr Steven Agnew
 - Mr Sydney Anderson
 - Mrs Jo-Anne Dobson
 - Mr Paul Frew
 - Mr Paul Givan
 - Mr William Humphrey
 - Mr Declan McAleer
 - Mr Kieran McCarthy
 - Mr Fearghal McKinney
 - Mr Oliver McMullan
 - Mr Ian Milne
 - Mr Edwin Poots
- In Attendance:
- Ms Stella McArdle (Assembly Clerk Committee for ARD)
 - Mr Jim McManus (Assembly Clerk Committee for ETI)
 - Ms Angela McParland (Assistant Assembly Clerk Committee for ETI)
 - Mr Mark O'Hare (Clerical Supervisor Committee for ARD)
 - Mr Nathan McVeigh (Clerical Supervisor Committee for ETI)

Ms Dagmar Walgreave (Clerical Officer Committee for ARD)
Mr Christopher Jeffrey (Clerical Officer Committee for ETI))

Apologies: Mr Phil Flanagan (Deputy Chairperson Committee for ETI)
Mr Gordon Dunne
Mr Tom Elliot

The meeting began at 12:36pm

Agreed: that the minutes of the meeting will be approved by the Chairs of each Committee.

1. Apologies

Apologies were noted as above.

2. Oral Briefing from RaISe: Going for Growth

The researchers joined the meeting at 12:36pm

Members received a briefing from Mr Mark Allen, Research Officer, RaISe and Mr Aidan Stennett, Research Officer, RaISe in relation to Going for Growth.

Paul Frew left the meeting at 12.38pm

Sydney Anderson joined the meeting at 12.39pm

Jo-Anne Dobson joined the meeting at 12.44pm

Key issues discussed included: the role of the Farm Business Improvement Scheme in achieving Going for Growth; sustainability of the red meat sector; bovine TB eradication; the establishment of an agri-food marketing organisation; and the impact of renewable energy incentives on the agri-food sector.

The researchers left the meeting at 1:10pm

3. Oral Briefing from Agri-Food Strategy Board: Update on Going for Growth

The Officials joined the meeting at 1:11pm

Members received a briefing from Tony O'Neill, Chair, Agri-Food Strategy Board, Colette McMaster, Department of Agriculture and Rural Development and Diarmuid McLean, Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment.

Edwin Poots joined the meeting at 1.13pm

Paul Givan joined the meeting at 1.19pm

Steven Agnew left the meeting at 1.19pm

William Irwin declared as interest as a farmer

Declan McAleer left the meeting at 1.26pm

Ian Milne left the meeting at 1.26pm

Jo-Anne Dobson declared an interest as her husband is a beef farmer

Kieran McCarthy left the meeting at 1.56pm

Oliver McMullan left the meeting at 2.05pm

Key issues discussed included: Farm Business Improvement Scheme; implementation of Going for Growth; funding and time delays; barriers to delivery; buy in from key stakeholders; ‘Year of Food’; Agri-Food Loan Scheme; and the Food Strategy Board.

The Officials left the meeting at 2:10pm

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 2.10pm.

Mr William Irwin
Chairperson
Committee for Agriculture and Rural Development

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Mr Patsy McGlone
Chairperson
Committee for Enterprise, Trade and Investment

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