



## **COMMITTEE FOR EMPLOYMENT AND LEARNING MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**TUESDAY, 3 FEBRUARY 2015**

**SENATE CHAMBER, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS**

Present: Mr Robin Swann MLA (Chairperson)  
Mr Thomas Buchanan MLA (Deputy Chairperson)  
Mr Sydney Anderson MLA  
Mr Phil Flanagan MLA  
Mr David Hilditch MLA  
Ms Anna Lo MLA  
Ms Bronwyn McGahan MLA  
Mr Pat Ramsey MLA

In Attendance: Mrs Cathie White (Assembly Clerk)  
Mr Vincent Gribbin (Assistant Assembly Clerk)  
Mr Johnny Lawless (Clerical Supervisor)

Apologies: Mr William Irwin MLA

*The meeting opened in public session at 12:51 pm.*

### **1. Apologies**

Apologies are detailed above.

### **2. Ministerial Briefing - Update on 2015-2016 Budget**

*The Departmental officials joined the meeting at 12:52 pm.*

The Committee was briefed by Dr Stephen Farry, Minister for Employment and Learning, Mr Derek Baker, Permanent Secretary, Ms Heather Cousins, Deputy Secretary and Mr Stephen McMurray, Director of Finance.

*1:00 pm Mr Phil Flanagan joined the meeting.*

*1:02 pm Mr Pat Ramsey joined the meeting.*

The briefing was followed by a question and answer session.

*1:21 pm Mr Sydney Anderson left the meeting.*

*Mr Phil Flanagan declared an interest as a student of the Ulster University.*

*Mr David Hilditch declared an interest as a member of the Board of the Michael Hughes Academy which works in partnership with the Northern Regional College.*

*1:49 pm Mr Phil Flanagan left the meeting.*

*2:03 pm Mr Thomas Buchanan left the meeting.*

*Agreed:* The Minister agreed to provide the Committee with further details on the Department's budget when finalised.

*The Departmental officials left the meeting at 2:22 pm.*

### **3. Date, time and place of next meeting**

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed that the next meeting should be held on Wednesday 4 February 2015 at 1.00 pm in Dunsilly House Hotel, Ballymena.

*The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 2:22 pm.*

**Mr Robin Swann MLA**  
**Chairperson, Committee for Employment & Learning**

**11 February 2015**