



**Northern Ireland
Assembly**

COMMITTEE FOR ENTERPRISE, TRADE AND INVESTMENT

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

15 OCTOBER 2015

**CANCER RESEARCH AND CELL BIOLOGY UNIT, QUEEN'S
UNIVERSITY, 10:00am**

- Present: Mr Patsy McGlone (Chairperson)
Mr Adrian Cochrane-Watson
Mr Fearghal McKinney
Mr Máirtín Ó Muilleoir
- In Attendance: Mr Jim McManus (Assembly Clerk)
Ms Angela McParland (Assistant Assembly Clerk)
Mr Michael Greer (Clerical Supervisor)
Ms Marion Johnson (Clerical Officer)
- Apologies: Mr Conor Murphy (Deputy Chairperson)
Mr Steven Agnew
Mr Paul Girvan
Mr Paul Givan
Mr William Humphrey
Mr Gordon Dunne
Ms Megan Fearon

The meeting began at 10:31am

1. Apologies

Apologies as noted above.

The Committee moved to Agenda Item 4.

4. Oral Briefing: Queen's University Centre for Cancer Research and Cell Biology

The witnesses joined the meeting at 10:31am

Members received a briefing from Professor David Waugh, Director of the Centre for Cancer Research and Cell Biology, Queen's University Belfast and Professor Tony Gallagher, Pro Vice-Chancellor, Queen's University Belfast, Mr Robert Ladner, Chief Executive Officer, CV6 Therapeutics, and Professor Mary Walshok, University of California, San Diego.

The key issues discussed included the current work and future potential of the Centre for Cancer Research and Cell Biology, the establishment of an academic, industrial and healthcare pipeline, Catapult and university funding.

The witnesses left the meeting at 11:30am

5. Oral Briefing: Randox Laboratories and Almac Diagnostics

The witnesses joined the meeting at 11:31am

Members received a briefing from Professor Paul Harkin, President & Managing Director, Almac Diagnostics and Mr Mark Campbell, Senior Manager, Randox Laboratories.

The key issues discussed included the work of Almac Diagnostics and Randox Laboratories, the importance of the life sciences sector to the economy, precision medicine, diagnostics and adoption.

The witnesses left the meeting at 12:00noon

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 12:00noon

Mr Patsy McGlone
Chairperson
Committee for Enterprise, Trade and Investment

20 October 2015