



**Northern Ireland
Assembly**

COMMITTEE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, 1 MAY 2014

SENATE CHAMBER, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

Present: Ms Anna Lo MLA (Chairperson)
Mrs Pam Cameron MLA (Deputy Chairperson)
Mr Ian McCrea MLA
Lord Morrow MLA

In Attendance: Mrs Sheila Mawhinney (Assembly Clerk)
Mr Sean McCann (Assistant Assembly Clerk)
Mr Neil Sedgewick (Clerical Supervisor)
Ms Jennifer McCullough (Clerical Officer)
Mr Simon Kelly (Assistant Legal Advisor – item 1 only)
Ms Suzanne Cave (Research Officer – item 5 only)

Apologies: Mr Cathal Boylan MLA
Mr Tom Elliott MLA
Mr Alban Maginness MLA
Mr Barry McElduff MLA
Mr Peter Weir MLA

The meeting began in closed session at 10:16.

1. Assembly Legal Services briefing on Bus Operator Licensing

The Committee received a briefing from a representative of Assembly Legal Services on the details and implications of a ruling from the European Court in relation to Bus Operator Licensing and the potential impact on non-commercial organisations.

The Committee also noted correspondence from the Federation of Passenger Transport regarding Bus Operator Licensing.

The meeting moved into public session at 10:37.

2. Apologies

Apologies were indicated as above.

3. Chairperson's Business

No business was discussed.

4. SL1 – Pollution Prevention and Control (Industrial Emissions) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014

The Committee moved to agenda item 10.

The Committee received a briefing from Dan Kennedy (Grade 7, DOE) outlining the impact of the SL1 proposal for The Pollution Prevention and Control (Industrial Emissions) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014.

5. Assembly Research briefing on Wind Energy Inquiry

The Committee moved to agenda item 12.

The Committee received a briefing from a representative of Assembly Research and Information Service on community benefits and co-operative wind farm schemes in Scotland.

The Chairperson suspended the meeting at 11:03.

The meeting resumed at 11:15, but since there was still no quorum the Chairperson adjourned the meeting.

Anna Lo, MLA
Chairperson, Committee for the Environment
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