



**Northern Ireland
Assembly**

COMMITTEE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, 19 JANUARY 2016

ROOM 30, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

Present: Ms Anna Lo MLA (Chairperson)
Mrs Pam Cameron MLA (Deputy Chairperson)
Mr Cathal Boylan MLA
Mr Paul Girvan MLA
Ms Claire Hanna MLA
Mr William Irwin MLA
Mr Alban Maginness MLA
Mr Barry McElduff MLA
Mr Ian Milne MLA
Mrs Sandra Overend MLA

In Attendance: Miss Ciara McKay (Assembly Clerk)
Mr Mark McQuade (Assistant Clerk)
Mr Neil Sedgewick (Clerical Supervisor)
Mrs Sharon Young (Clerical Officer)

Apologies: Mr George Robinson MLA

The meeting opened in public session at 10.45 am.

1. Apologies.

The apologies are noted above.

2. Matter arising

Officials joined the meeting at 10.46am.

The Committee noted the Department's response to the Committee's request for information on the maximum fare formula; and the issue of dead miles.

The Committee noted the report of the Examiner of Statutory Rules.

The Committee was briefed by:

Ms Liz Loughran Director of Road safety and vehicle registration
division, DOE

Mr Alex Boyle Road safety and vehicle registration division,
DOE

Officials gave an undertaking to consider a legislative amendment to address concerns regarding dead miles.

Officials agreed to provide a copy of its correspondence to the taxi industry outlining the provisions of the regulations to the Committee.

Ms Hanna left the meeting at 11.04am

Mr Girvan joined the meeting at 11.23am.

Officials left the meeting at 11.25am.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to move into closed session.

The Committee moved to closed session at 11.25am.

The Committee discussed the evidence from officials.

The Committee moved to public session at 11.35am.

3. SR 2015/393 The Taxi Licensing Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015

'Question put and agreed:

The Committee considered SR 2015/393 The Taxi Licensing Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 and has no objection to the rule.'

4. SR 2015/394 The Taxis (Taximeters, Devices and Maximum Fares) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015

'Question put and agreed:

The Committee considered SR 2015/394 The Taxis (Taximeters, Devices and Maximum Fares) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 and has no objection to the rule.'

5. SR 2015/395 The Taxi Operators Licensing (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015

Mr Irwin left the meeting at 11.40am.

'Question put and agreed:

The Committee considered SR 2015/395 The Taxi Operators Licensing (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 and has no objection to the rule.'

Mr Maginness left the meeting at 11.40am.

6. SR 2015/396 The Taxi Accessibility Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015

'Question put and agreed:

The Committee considered SR 2015/396 The Taxi Accessibility Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 and has no objection to the rule.'

7. SR 2015/397 The Road Vehicles Lighting (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015

'Question put and agreed:

The Committee considered SR 2015/397 The Road Vehicles Lighting (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 and has no objection to the rule.'

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 11.43am.

Anna Lo, MLA
Chairperson, Committee for the Environment
28 January 2016