

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, 26 FEBRUARY 2014
ROOM 29, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

- Present: Mr John Dallat (Deputy Chairperson)
Mr Trevor Clarke
Mr Michael Copeland
Mr Alex Easton
Mr Paul Girvan
Mr Chris Hazzard
Mr Ross Hussey
Mr Daithí McKay
Mr Adrian McQuillan
Mr Seán Rogers
- In Attendance: Ms Lucia Wilson (Assembly Clerk)
Mr Trevor Allen (Assistant Assembly Clerk)
Mr Darren Weir (Clerical Officer)
Miss Clare Rice (Bursary Student)
- Apologies: Ms Michaela Boyle (Chairperson)

2.03pm The meeting opened in public session

1. Apologies

Apologies are listed above.

2.04pm Mr Girvan and Mr Clarke joined the meeting

2. Minutes of the meeting on 19 February 2014

Agreed: The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

2.05pm The meeting moved to closed session

3. Matters Arising

2.12pm Mr Rogers joined the meeting

Canine Breeders Ireland Ltd.

The Committee considered the issues raised by Canine Breeders Ireland Ltd. on the care of seized animals and agreed to write to the relevant authorities.

4. Inquiry into the PSNI: Use of Agency Staff – Consideration of Draft Report

2.14pm Mr Hussey left joined the meeting

2.20pm Mr McKay joined the meeting

The Committee continued its consideration of its report on the PSNI: Use of Agency Staff.

Agreed: The Committee agreed the correspondence to be included within the report

Executive Summary

Paragraphs 5, 7 and 8 read, amended and agreed

Summary of Recommendations

Recommendations 7 to 10 read and agreed

Body of Report

Paragraph 21 read and agreed

Recommendations 7 to 10 read and agreed

Agreed: The Committee ordered the report to be printed.

5. Inquiry into Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute (AFBI) – Correspondence

2.40pm Mr Copeland left the meeting

2.51pm Mr Copeland re-joined the meeting

2.52pm Mr Easton left the meeting

2.56pm Mr Easton re-joined the meeting

The Committee noted additional correspondence from Mr Noel Lavery, Accounting Officer, Department of Agriculture and Rural Development.

6. Inquiry into Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute (AFBI) – Consideration of Draft Report

The Committee continued its consideration of its report on Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute (AFBI).

Paragraph 19 read and agreed.

Paragraph 20 read, amended and agreed.

Executive Summary

Paragraph 10 read, amended and agreed.

Agreed: The Committee agreed the correspondence to be included within the report

Agreed: The Committee ordered the report to be printed.

7. Improving Pupil Attendance: Follow-Up Report – Preparation Session

The Committee explored core issues arising from the Audit Office follow-up report on improving pupil attendance in preparation for its forthcoming evidence session on 12 March 2014.

3.16pm Mr Clarke left the meeting

8. Any other business

No other items of business were raised.

9. Date, time and place of next meeting

Members noted that the next meeting of the Committee will take place on Wednesday 12 March 2014 at 2.00pm in the Senate Chamber, Parliament Buildings.

3.30pm the meeting adjourned

Ms Michaela Boyle
Chairperson, Public Accounts Committee