

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, 3 FEBRUARY 2015
ROOM 21, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

Present:	Ms Michaela Boyle (Chairperson)	
	Mr John Dallat (Deputy Chairperson)	
	Mr Roy Beggs	
	Mr Trevor Clarke	
	Mr Alex Easton	
	Mr Phil Flanagan	
	Mr Paul Girvan	
	Mr Daithi McKay	
	Mr Adrian McQuillan	
	Mr Sean Rogers	
In Attendance:	Ms Lucia Wilson	(Assembly Clerk)
	Mr Jack Peel	(Assistant Assembly Clerk)
	Mrs Danielle Saunders	(Clerical Supervisor)
	Mr Darren Weir	(Clerical Officer)
Apologies	Mr Ross Hussey	

12.49pm The meeting began in public session

1. Apologies

An apology was received from Mr Hussey.

2. Minutes of the meeting on 21 January 2015

Agreed: The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

3. Matters Arising

Correspondence received from Mr Arthur Canning

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the correspondence from Mr Canning.

12.52pm The meeting moved into closed session

4. Forward Work Programme April 2015 – June 2015

Agreed: The Committee agreed to select the “DRD: The effectiveness of Public Transport in Northern Ireland” report and a combined Health report incorporating “Private Practice” and “Health and Social Care sector General Health Report 2014”. A third report will be selected after Easter recess.

12.56pm Mr Rodgers joined the meeting

12.57pm Mr Clarke and Mr McQuillan joined the meeting

1.19pm Mr Girvan left the meeting

1.26pm Mr Girvan re-joined the meeting

1.29pm Mr Rodgers left the meeting

5. Draft DFP and PAC Protocols on Memorandum of Reply – Consideration of Draft Protocols

Agreed: The Committee agreed the Draft Protocols.

6. Inquiry into Primary Care Prescribing – Consideration of Draft Report

1.35pm Mr Easton declared an interest as Assembly Private Secretary to the Minister for Health and left the meeting.

Agreed: The Committee considered its draft report on the above inquiry.

Main Body of Report:

Paragraphs 11-17	Read and Agreed
Paragraphs 18-20	Read and Agreed
Paragraph 21	Read, Amended and Agreed
Paragraph 22	Read and Agreed
Recommendation 1	Deleted
Paragraphs 24-25	Read and Agreed
Recommendations 2&3	Read, Amended and Agreed
Paragraphs 28-30	Read and Agreed
Recommendation 4	Read and Agreed
Paragraph 32	Read and Agreed
Recommendation 5	Read, Amended and Agreed
Paragraph 34-35	Read, Amended and Agreed
Recommendation 6	Read and Agreed
Paragraphs 37-40	Read and Agreed
Recommendation 7	Read and Agreed
Paragraphs 42-47	Read and Agreed

Recommendations 8&9	Read, Amended and Agreed
Paragraphs 50-54	Read and Agreed
Recommendation 10	Read and Agreed

Executive Summary:

Paragraphs 1-3	Read and Agreed
Paragraph 4	Read, Amended and Agreed
Paragraphs 5-8	Read and Agreed

Conclusions:

Paragraphs 9-16	Read and Agreed
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Summary of Recommendations:

Recommendation 1	Deleted
Recommendations 2-10	Read and Agreed

Agreed: The Committee agreed the minutes, minutes of evidence and correspondence to be included as appendices to the report.

Agreed: The Committee ordered the report to be printed

Agreed: The Committee agreed the report to be launched on Wednesday 25th February 2015 and for a press release to be brought before the Committee on Wednesday 18th February 2015.

1.49pm Mr Flanagan joined the meeting

1.51pm Mr Beggs left the meeting

1.53pm Mr Rodgers re-joined the meeting

1.54pm Mr McKay and Mr Clarke left the meeting

1.56pm Mr Dallat left the meeting

2.09pm Mr Dallat re-joined the meeting

2.15pm Mr Flanagan left the meeting

2.31pm Mr McQuillan left the meeting. The Committee lost its decision-making quorum. In the absence of a decision-making quorum proceedings continued in line with Standing Order 49(5).

2.36pm Mr McQuillan re-joined the meeting. Decision-making quorum returned.

2.38pm Mr Girvan left the meeting. The Committee lost its decision-making quorum. In the absence of a decision-making quorum proceedings continued in line with Standing Order 49(5).

2.40pm Mr Girvan re-joined the meeting. Decision-making quorum returned

7. Any Other Business

There was no other business to discuss.

8. Date, time and place of next meeting

Members were advised that the next meeting of the Committee will take place on Wednesday 4 February 2015 at 2.00pm in Room 29, Parliament Buildings.

2.45pm The meeting was adjourned.

Ms Michaela Boyle
Chairperson, Public Accounts Committee