

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, 21 OCTOBER 2015 SENATE CHAMBER, PARLIAMENT
BUILDINGS

Present: Ms Michaela Boyle (Chairperson)
Mr Roy Beggs
Mr Phil Flanagan
Mr Paul Girvan
Ms Claire Hanna
Mr Edwin Poots

In Attendance: Ms Lucia Wilson (Assembly Clerk)
Mrs Karen Barry (Assistant Assembly Clerk)
Mrs Danielle Saunders (Clerical Supervisor)
Mr Darren Weir (Clerical Officer)

Apologies: Mr John Dallat (Deputy Chairperson)
Mr Trevor Clarke
Mr Ross Hussey
Mr Conor Murphy
Mr Jim Wells

2.08pm *The meeting began in closed session with four Members present. The Committee did not have decision making quorum. In the absence of a decision-making quorum proceedings continued in line with Standing Order 49(5).*

2.11pm *Mr Poots joined the meeting. The Committee gained decision making quorum*

2.14pm *Ms Hanna joined the meeting*

6. Evidence Session on the Northern Ireland Events Company – Discussions with NIAO Officials

2.20pm The meeting moved into open session.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr Dallat, Mr Clarke, Mr Hussey, Mr Murphy and Mr Wells.

2. Minutes of the meeting of 14 October 2015

Agreed: The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

3. Matters Arising

There were no new matters arising.

4. Correspondence

There was no new correspondence.

5. Evidence Session on the Northern Ireland Events Company

The Committee took oral evidence on the above inquiry from:

- Mr Andrew McCormick, Accounting Officer, DETI
- Ms Jackie Kerr, Head of Business Regulation Division, DETI
- Mr Kieran Donnelly, Comptroller and Auditor General, NIAO
- Ms Alison Caldwell, Treasury Officer of Accounts, DFP

The witnesses answered a number of questions put by the Committee and agreed to provide additional information in writing.

3.58pm The meeting moved into closed session.

The Committee discussed the evidence session with members of NIAO staff.

4.00pm Ms Claire Hanna left the meeting.

8. Any Other Business

Committee Motion for debate – 23 November 2015

Agreed: The Committee agreed the Committee motion for debate on its reports and associated memoranda

Agreed: Members agreed the list of contributors to speak on the debate.

Correspondence forwarded by Mr Ross Hussey in relation to the inquiry on Advanced Land Purchases

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the correspondence forwarded to the Committee from Mr Hussey

9. Date, time and place of next meeting

Members were informed that the next meeting of the Committee would be at 2.00pm on Wednesday 4 November in Room 29, Parliament Buildings.

4.17pm The meeting adjourned.

Ms Michaela Boyle (Chairperson)
Chairperson, Public Accounts Committee