

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, 24 FEBRUARY 2015
ROOM 29, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

Present: Ms Michaela Boyle (Chairperson)
Mr John Dallat (Deputy Chairperson)
Mr Alex Easton
Mr Phil Flanagan
Mr Paul Girvan

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 Adrian McQuillan
Mr Roy Beggs
Mr Trevor Clarke

3.49pm The meeting began in open session

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr McQuillan, Mr Beggs and Mr Clarke.

2. Minutes of the Meeting of 18 February 2015

Agreed: The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

3. Correspondence

Agreed: The Committee noted the letter from Darren Millar, Chair of the PAC of the National Assembly for Wales, and agreed that the Clerk should work with her Welsh counterpart to look at organising a visit by the Committee to Wales in May or June 2015.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the correspondence from Ms Kerry Greig.

4. Matters Arising

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the correspondence from NIAO regarding the Music Business Support Programme.

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

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

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the correspondence from the Department of Education.

5. Inquiry into Managing and Protecting Funds Held in Court – Introduction to Briefing Session

NIAO staff provided an introduction to the Briefing Session on Managing and Protecting Funds Held in Court in open session.

4.02pm The meeting moved into closed session.

6. Inquiry into Managing and Protecting Funds Held in Court –Briefing Session

The Committee received briefing from NIAO staff on the inquiry into Managing and Protecting Funds Held in Court in closed session.

7. Inquiry into Managing and Protecting Funds Held in Court –Preparation Session

The Committee conducted a Preparation Session for the Inquiry into Managing and Protecting Funds Held in Court during which Members selected their chosen areas for questioning during the evidence session on 25th February.

8. Inquiry into DSD: Advanced Land Purchases – Issues Paper

The Committee considered an Issues Paper on the Inquiry into DSD: Advanced Land Purchases.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that the C&AG should produce the first draft of the Committee report for consideration.

4.45pm Mr Flanagan 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).

9. Date, time and place of next meeting

Members were advised that the next meeting of the Committee will take place on Wednesday 25th February 2015 at 2.00pm in the Senate Chamber, Parliament Buildings.

10. Any Other Business

There was no other business

5.02pm *The meeting was adjourned.*

Mr John Dallat
Deputy Chairperson, Public Accounts Committee