

## COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURES

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**TUESDAY 23 OCTOBER 2012  
ROOM 144, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS**

Present: Mr Gerry Kelly MLA (Chairperson)  
Mr Trevor Clarke MLA (Deputy Chairperson)  
Mr Jim Allister MLA  
Mr Samuel Gardiner MLA  
Mr Oliver McMullan MLA  
Mr Alban Maginness MLA  
Lord Morrow MLA  
Mr George Robinson MLA

In attendance: Alison Ross (Clerk)  
Neil Currie (Assistant Clerk)  
Christopher McNickle (Clerical Officer)

**1.00pm** The meeting opened in public session.

#### **1. Apologies**

None.

#### **2. Draft Minutes of the meeting held on 25 September 2012**

*Agreed :* Members agreed the draft minutes of the meeting held on 25 September 2012.

#### **3. Matters Arising**

(a) The Committee noted a briefing paper that had been circulated to all Members on 24 January 2012, in relation to Commencement dates for Acts following Royal Assent.

(b) The Committee noted the response from the junior Ministers in relation to written Assembly Questions and their responses.

#### **4. Inquiry into Topical Questions**

The Committee concluded its consideration of the issues under the Terms of Reference for the inquiry.

*Agreed:* It was agreed that it was not necessary to take any oral evidence.

*Agreed:* It was agreed that the Clerk should prepare a draft report for consideration at the meeting scheduled for 27 November 2012.

#### **5. Amending Bills after Further Consideration Stage**

The Committee considered legal advice regarding the proposals in relation to amending Bills after Further Consideration Stage.

*Agreed:* The Committee was content for work to commence on drafting amendments to Standing Orders, and for the proposed amendments to be considered at the meeting scheduled for 22 January 2013.

#### **6. Review of Forward Work Programme**

The Committee considered a proposed Forward Work Programme up to February 2013, plus an update on forthcoming business.

*Agreed:* It was agreed that Subsidiarity Monitoring should be added to the Forward Work Programme, and that the Assembly's European Project Manager should brief Members on this matter at the meeting scheduled for 22 January 2013.

The Committee was content with the Forward Work Programme.

#### **7. Correspondence**

There was no other correspondence.

#### **8. Any other Business**

None.

#### **9. Date, time and place of next meeting**

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Committee would take place on 27 November 2012 at 1.00pm in Room 144, Parliament Buildings.

**1.25pm** The Chairperson adjourned the meeting.

Gerry Kelly  
Chairperson, Committee on Procedures

27 November 2012