



Northern Ireland
Assembly

Committee for the Economy

Minutes of Proceedings

Wednesday 29 January 2025

Meeting Location: NICVA, North Belfast.

Present:

- Mr Phillip Brett MLA (Chairperson)
- Mr Gary Middleton MLA (Deputy Chairperson)
- Ms Diana Armstrong MLA
- Mr Jonathan Buckley MLA
- Mr Pádraig Delargy MLA
- Mr David Honeyford MLA
- Mr Philip McGuigan MLA
- Ms Sinéad McLaughlin MLA
- Ms Kate Nicholl MLA

Apologies: None

In Attendance: Peter McCallion (Assembly Clerk)

Anthea Matthews (Assistant Assembly Clerk)

Karen O'Hare (Clerical Supervisor)

Michael Doran (Clerical Officer)

Stuart Gilmour (Clerical Officer)

The meeting commenced in public session at 10:00am.

1. Apologies

There were no apologies.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

6. LCM - The Great British Energy Bill – Written Evidence Session

Noted: The Committee noted a written Departmental response to Committee queries and tabled Ministerial correspondence including the Legislative Consent Memorandum (LCM) for the Westminster Great British Energy Bill.

The Committee noted that limited time had been provided to allow it to adequately scrutinise the legislation and that the written response from the Department did not provide an appropriate level of explanation for the functions of the new energy company and how these might interact with devolved competencies and the key players in the Northern Ireland energy market.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that owing to the constrained timescales it was unable to agree a position on the LCM.

Agreed: The Committee agreed its related report as drafted and ordered that the report should be published.

David Honeyford joined the meeting at 10:16am.