

# **AD HOC JOINT COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER THE MENTAL CAPACITY BILL**

## **MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**Monday, 22 June 2015**  
**Room 30, Parliament Buildings**

- Present:** Mr Alastair Ross MLA (Chairperson)  
Mr Patsy McGlone MLA (Deputy Chairperson)  
Mrs Pam Cameron MLA  
Mrs Jo-Anne Dobson MLA  
Mr Seán Lynch MLA  
Mr Kieran McCarthy MLA  
Mr Raymond McCartney MLA  
Ms Rosie McCorley MLA  
Mr Edwin Poots MLA
- Apologies:** Mr Alex Easton MLA
- In Attendance:** Dr Kathryn Aiken (Clerk)  
Ms Sohui Yim (Assistant Clerk)  
Miss Marianne Doherty (Clerical Officer)

*The meeting commenced at 2.07pm in public session.*

### **1. Apologies**

Apologies are detailed above.

### **2. Chairperson's Business**

The Chairperson advised Members that the Bill passed its second stage on 16 June and is now in committee stage.

### **3. Draft minutes**

The minutes of the Committee meeting on Monday, 15 June 2015 were agreed.

#### **4. Background Papers**

The Committee noted papers relating to the Bill including a Clerk's memo on Parts 8 and 11-15 of the Bill, a Clerk's memo on the 8 June evidence session, the Bill, the Explanatory and Financial Memorandum (EFM), and the consultation summary report.

*Agreed:* Content to write to the Departments to request written answers from issues arising on 8 June evidence session, as outlined in the Clerk's memo.

#### **5. Draft Mental Capacity Bill – Briefing by Departmental Officials**

The Committee heard evidence from:

Lisa Trueman                      Mental Capacity Bill Team, DHSSPS

Alison McCaffrey                Mental Capacity Bill Team, DHSSPS

Clare Irvine                        Mental Capacity Bill Team, DOJ

*Pam Cameron left the meeting at 2.27pm.*

*Patsy McGlone joined the meeting at 2.30pm.*

A question and answer session ensued.

*Seán Lynch left the meeting at 2.39pm.*

*Patsy McGlone left the meeting at 2.48pm.*

*Edwin Poots joined the meeting at 3.09pm.*

The Chairperson thanked the officials for attending.

#### **6. Forward Work Programme**

The Committee noted the Clerk's memo on the proposed forward work programme.

*Agreed:* To structure the evidence sessions on particular parts of the Bill, with the relevant Department at the table to respond to the points being raised by the stakeholders.

*Agreed:* To begin evidence sessions on the Bill in September with Part 5 and Part 1 of the Bill.

*Agreed:* Content that the Clerk provides the Chairperson with a suggested list of organisations to be invited to the first 2 sessions, based on the written submissions and that the Chairperson agree these on behalf of the Committee. The Committee will be informed by email during summer recess of those organisations selected and Members will contact the Clerk or Chairperson if they believe other organisations should be invited.

*Agreed:* Content for written submissions to be published on the Assembly website during the summer.

*Agreed:* Content with the forward work programme.

**7. Any Other Business**

None.

**8. Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting**

The next Committee meeting will be on Monday, 29 June 2015 at 12pm in Room 21, Parliament Buildings.

*The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 3.15pm.*

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Chairperson*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_