

AD HOC JOINT COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER THE MENTAL CAPACITY BILL

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**Thursday, 7 January 2016
Room 30, Parliament Buildings**

Present: Mr Alastair Ross MLA (Chairperson)
Mrs Pam Cameron MLA
Mr Alex Easton MLA
Mr Raymond McCartney MLA
Ms Rosie McCorley MLA

Apologies: Mrs Jo-Anne Dobson MLA
Mr Paul Frew MLA
Mr Danny Kennedy MLA
Mr Sean Lynch MLA

In Attendance: Dr Kathryn Aiken (Clerk)
Ms Eilis Haughey (Bill Clerk – agenda item 7 only)
Ms Elaine Farrell (Assistant Clerk)
Ms Danielle Saunders (Clerical Supervisor)

The meeting commenced at 1.02 p.m. in open session.

1. Apologies

The apologies are noted above.

2. Chairperson's Business

None.

3. Draft Minutes of the meeting on Thursday 7 December 2015

The minutes of the meeting on 7 December 2015 were agreed.

4. Forward Work Programme

Noted: The Committee noted the Forward Work Programme.

5. Background papers

Noted: The Committee noted the background papers in respect of the Mental Capacity Bill.

6. Departmental Evidence on proposed amendments to replace Clause 288 of the Mental Capacity Bill.

The following departmental officials joined the meeting at 1.04 p.m.

Alison McCaffrey, DHSSPS

Lisa Trueman, DHSSPS

Clare Irvine, DOJ

The officials briefed the Committee on the proposed amendments to replace Clause 288 of the Mental Capacity Bill.

The meeting moved into Closed Session at 1.07 p.m.

7. Final Informal Consideration of Outstanding Draft Departmental and Committee Amendments.

Noted: The Committee noted the correspondence from the Department dated 4 January 2016 in respect of Enduring Powers of Attorney.

Noted: The Committee noted the correspondence from the Department dated 22 December 2015 in respect of proposed amendments to Clause 121A, Part 11 and Schedule 7A of the Mental Capacity Bill.

Noted: The Committee noted the correspondence from the Department dated 15 December 2015 in respect of the issue of psychological harm and restraining orders.

Noted: The Committee noted the correspondence from the Department dated 4 January 2016 in respect of Clauses 202-207, 256, 257, 283 and 288.

Noted: The Committee noted the correspondence from the Department dated 4 January 2016 in respect of Clause 5.

The meeting moved into open session at 1.19 p.m.

8. Any Other Business

None.

9. Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting

The next Committee meeting will be on Monday, 11 January 2016 at 12pm in Room 30, Parliament Buildings.

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 1.19 pm.

Signed: _____
Chairperson

Date: _____