

AD HOC JOINT COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER THE MENTAL CAPACITY BILL

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Monday, 23 November 2015
Room 30, Parliament Buildings

Present: Mr Alastair Ross MLA (Chairperson)
Mr Patsy McGlone MLA (Deputy Chairperson)
Mrs Pam Cameron MLA
Mr Paul Frew MLA
Mr Seán Lynch MLA
Mr Kieran McCarthy MLA
Mr Raymond McCartney MLA
Ms Rosie McCorley MLA

Apologies: Mr Alex Easton MLA

In Attendance: Dr Kathryn Aiken (Clerk)
Ms Elaine Farrell (Assistant Clerk)
Ms Marianne Doherty (Clerical Officer)

The meeting commenced at 12.09 pm in closed session.

The following Members were in attendance: Mrs Cameron, Mr Frew, Mr Lynch, Mr McGlone and Mr Ross.

1. Further Deliberations on Clause 5 of the Mental Capacity Bill

Agreed: The Committee agreed to defer consideration of Clause 5 until the next meeting on 30 November 2015.

12.10 p.m. Mr McCartney joined the meeting.

2. Further Deliberations on Clauses 1, 7, 16, 22 & 288 of the Mental Capacity Bill

Agreed: The Committee agreed to ask the Bill Office to draft an amendment to Clause 22.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Department in respect of clauses 1, 7, 16 and 288.

12.16 p.m. Mr McCarthy joined the meeting.

12.16 p.m. Mr McGlone left the meeting.

3. Apologies

Noted above.

4. Chairperson's Business

None.

5. Draft Minutes of the meeting on Monday 9 & 16 November 2015

The minutes of the Committee meeting on Monday 9 & 16 November 2015 were agreed.

6. Forward Work Programme

Noted: The Committee noted the Forward Work Programme.

7. Background papers

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

12.18 p.m. Mrs Cameron left the meeting.

8. Departmental Evidence Session: Part 10 of the Mental Capacity Bill

The following departmental officials joined the meeting at 12.18 p.m.

Clare Irvine, DOJ
Stephen Murphy, DSO

The officials briefed the Committee on clause 166, Part 10 of the Mental Capacity Bill; this was followed by a question and answer session.

9. Departmental Evidence Session: Clause 272 and Schedule 9 of the Mental Capacity Bill

The following departmental officials joined the meeting at 12.44 p.m.

Lisa Trueman, DHSSPS
Alison McCaffery, DHSSPS

The officials briefed the Committee on Clause 272 and Schedule 9 of the Mental Capacity Bill; this was followed by a question and answer session.

12.44p.m. Ms McCorley joined the meeting.

12.50 p.m. Mr McGlone rejoined the meeting.

12.55 p.m. Mr Lynch left the meeting.

10. Any Other Business

None.

11. Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting

The next Committee meeting will be on Monday, 30 November 2015 at 12pm in Room 30, Parliament Buildings.

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 12.56 pm.

Signed: _____
Chairperson

Date: _____