



**Northern Ireland  
Assembly**

**AD-HOC COMMITTEE FOR THE PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSPERSON BILL**

**MONDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2015, ROOM 29, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS,  
BALLYMISCAW, STORMONT**

**Present:** Lord Morrow (Chairperson)  
Mr Sydney Anderson (deputising for David Hilditch)  
Mr Colum Eastwood  
Mr Trevor Lunn  
Ms Maeve McLaughlin  
Mr Alban Maginness  
Mr Jim Wells

**In Attendance:** Mr Paul Gill (Assembly Clerk)  
Ms Kate McCullough (Assistant Assembly Clerk)  
Mr Jim Nulty (Clerical Supervisor)

*The meeting commenced at 2.47pm in public session.*

**1. Apologies**

Mr. Cathal Boylan

**2. Northern Ireland Public Services Ombudsperson Bill – Evidence Session with the British Medical Association**

The Committee received evidence from Ms Bernadette Maginnis, Political Liaison Officer, Judith Cross, Senior Policy Advisor and Dr Martin McCloskey GP representing the British Medical Association.

*Sydney Anderson joined the meeting at 3.18pm*

*The meeting was adjourned at 3.45pm*

*The meeting resumed at 4.01pm*

The following members were present:

Lord Morrow (Chairperson)  
Mr Sydney Anderson (deputising for David Hilditch)

Mr Colum Eastwood  
Mr Trevor Lunn  
Mr Alban Maginness  
Mr Jim Wells

*The meeting moved into closed session at 4.22pm*

**3. Northern Ireland Public Services Ombudsperson Bill – Briefing from Legal Services**

The Committee received legal advice from the Assembly's Legal Team.

*Colum Eastwood left the meeting at 4.24pm*

*Colum Eastwood joined the meeting at 4.35pm*

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to seek further legal advice on a number of issues raised by the British Medical Association.

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

The next meeting will be on 15 September 2015 at 10.30am in Room 21.

*The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 5.09pm*

**LORD MORROW**

**Chairperson to the Ad Hoc Committee for the Public Services Ombudsperson Bill**