

## COMMITTEE FOR AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**TUESDAY 19 JANUARY 2016  
ROOM 30, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS**

Present: Mr William Irwin MLA (Chairperson)  
Mr Seán Rogers MLA (Deputy Chairperson)  
Mr Sydney Anderson MLA  
Mrs Jo-Anne Dobson MLA  
Mr Declan McAleer MLA  
Mr Kieran McCarthy MLA  
Mr Oliver McMullan MLA  
Mr Ian Milne MLA  
Mr Edwin Poots MLA  
Mr Robin Swann MLA

In attendance: Ms Stella McArdle, Committee Clerk  
Ms Lynda Conlon, Assistant Assembly Clerk  
Mr Mark O'Hare, Clerical Supervisor  
Ms Marion Johnson, Clerical Officer  
Mr Colin Pidgeon, Research Officer (for Agenda Item 6)

*1.43 p.m. The meeting commenced in Open Session.*

*1.51 p.m. Mr McAleer joined the meeting.*

*2.00 p.m. The meeting suspended.*

*2.08 p.m. The meeting resumed with the following Members in attendance:  
Mr Irwin, Mr McAleer, Mr McMullan, Mr Milne and Mr Poots.*

#### **5. Rural Needs Bill – Consideration of the Draft Report**

The Committee gave consideration to the draft report on the Rural Needs Bill.

EXTRACT

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed the Introduction to the report.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed paragraphs 18-19.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed paragraphs 20-31.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed paragraphs 32-43.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed paragraphs 44-51.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed paragraphs 52-58.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed paragraphs 59-66.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed paragraphs 67-73.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed the clause by clause consideration.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed Appendix 1-7 of the report.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed paragraphs 1-6.

*2.24 p.m. Mr Rogers joined the meeting.*