



**Northern Ireland  
Assembly**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**TUESDAY 8 APRIL 2014, ROOM 21, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS,  
BALLYMISCAW, STORMONT**

Present:	Mr Stephen Moutray (Chairperson)	
	Mr Roy Beggs	
	Ms Paula Bradley	
	Mr Gregory Campbell	
	Mr Paul Givan	
	Mr Trevor Lunn	
	Mr Raymond McCartney	
	Mr Seán Rogers	
	Ms Caitríona Ruane	
	Mr Pat Sheehan	
Apologies:	Mr Alex Attwood	
In Attendance:	Mr John Simmons	(Assembly Clerk)
	Ms Kate McCullough	(Assistant Assembly Clerk)
	Mr Jim Nulty	(Clerical Supervisor)

*The meeting opened at 10.32am in public session.*

**1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Mr. Alex Attwood

**2. Minutes of the last meeting**

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 25 March 2014.

**3. Matters Arising**

## **Knowledge and Exchange Series Seminar**

*Caitríona Ruane joined the meeting at 10.35am.*

*Gregory Campbell joined the meeting at 10.37am.*

*Roy Beggs joined the meeting at 10.37am.*

Members noted the introductory narrative comments on one of the topics at the Knowledge and Exchange Series Seminar held on 20 March 2014.

### **Topics for Committee's Future Work Programme**

Members noted that letters have been sent to Party Leaders of the Assembly requesting an update their preference(s) on topics for the Committee's future work programme.

### **Committee on Procedures Memo Regarding Technical Groups**

Members noted a memo of 31 March 2014 from the Committee on Procedures informing of the conclusion by the five main parties that Technical Groups should not be established at this time.

## **4. Initial Consideration of Topic of Committee's Next Review**

*Agreed:* To move into closed session

*The Committee moved into closed session at 10.40am.*

The Committee discussed topics for the Committee's next Review.

*Agreed:* The topic of the Committee's next Review will be Women in Politics in the Northern Ireland Assembly.

*Agreed:* At the Committee's next meeting to take briefings from Professor Yvonne Galligan from Queen's University Belfast and Assembly Research on this topic.

*Agreed:* To request Assembly Research for a breakdown of female representatives in Local Councils in England, Scotland and Wales in comparison to Northern Ireland from 1998-2012.

*Agreed:* To request Assembly Research for the outcome by gender breakdown of the Northern Ireland's May 2014 Local Government elections once available.

*Agreed:* To take a briefing at a future Committee meeting from the Assembly's All Party Group on UNSCR 1325.

*The Committee moved into open session at 10.56am.*

**5. Forward Work Programme**

The Chairperson advised Members that the purpose of this agenda item was for Members to consider the immediate schedule of meetings for the topic of the Committee's next Review.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed that it was content with the Forward Work Programme as drafted.

**6. Any Other Business**

There were no other items of business.

**7. Date, Time and Place of next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Assembly and Executive Review Committee will be held on Tuesday 6 May 2014 at 10.30am in room 21.

*The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 10.57am.*

**Mr Stephen Moutray, Chairperson  
Assembly and Executive Review Committee**