

Northern Ireland Assembly

ASSEMBLY AND EXECUTIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY 10 MARCH 2015, ROOM 21, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS, BALLYMISCAW, STORMONT

Present: Mr Stephen Moutray (Chairperson)

Mr Gregory Campbell

Mr Trevor Lunn

Mr Raymond McCartney

Mr Séan Rogers

In Attendance: Ms Claire McCanny (Senior Assistant Assembly Clerk)

Ms Kate McCullough (Assistant Assembly Clerk)

Mr Jim Nulty (Clerical Supervisor)

The meeting opened at 10.08am in public session.

1. Apologies

Mr Pat Sheehan, Ms Paula Bradley, Ms Caitríona Ruane and Mr Robin Swann

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 3 March 2015.

3. Matters Arising

Members noted a letter from Gerry Adams TD in response to the Committee letter of 27 January 2015 regarding the next phase of the Committee's work.

4. Report on the Operation of the Provisions of Parts III and IV of the NI Act 1998 – Committee Consideration

Members considered section 47-48 of Part IV of the NI 1998 Act. In doing so the Committee noted the Clerk's briefing paper, the reports and determinations of the Independent Financial Review Panel and the outcome of the Stormont House Agreement in respect of members' salaries and expenses. The Committee also noted that at the meeting of 3 March 2015, the Committee had agreed that the Chair and Deputy Chair should meet with the First Minister and deputy First Minister to discuss the impact of the Stormont House Agreement on the work of AERC following the publication of the Committee's report in May 2015.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that it had reviewed section 47 to 48 as part of its statutory obligation to report on the operation of the provisions of Parts III and IV of the NI Act 1998.

Members considered sections 49 to 51D of Part IV of the NI Act 1998. In doing so the Committee noted the Clerk's briefing paper.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that it had reviewed sections 49 to 51D as part of its statutory obligation to review the operation of the provisions of Parts III and IV of the NI Act 1998.

Trevor Lunn left the meeting at 10.15am

Trevor Lunn joined the meeting at 10.16am

Members considered a proposed framework for the Committee's report on the Operation of the Provisions of Parts II and IV of the NI Act.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to the proposed approach to the draft Report.

5. Forward Work Programme

Members noted the draft forward work programme.

6. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

7. Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 24 March 2015 at 10.00am in Room 21.

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 10.20am

Mr Stephen Moutray, Chairperson Assembly and Executive Review Committee