



**Northern Ireland
Assembly**

ASSEMBLY AND EXECUTIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**TUESDAY 14 APRIL 2015, ROOM 21, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS,
BALLYMISCAW, STORMONT**

Present: Mr Pat Sheehan (Deputy Chairperson)
Ms Paula Bradley
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 10.03 am in public session.

1. Apologies

Mr. Stephen Moutray, Ms Caitríona Ruane and Mr Robin Swann

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 24 March 2015.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

**4. Report on the Operation of the Provisions of Parts 3 and 4 of the NI Act 1998
– Committee Consideration**

Members considered the draft report on the Operation of the Provisions of Parts 3 and 4 of the NI Act 1998 including appendices.

Agreed: The Committee agreed the inclusion of paragraphs 87 and 89 in the final Report.

5. Report on the Operation of the Provisions of Parts 3&4 of the NI Act 1998 – Committee consideration of Final Report

The Deputy Chairperson advised the Committee that the purpose of the session was to allow the Committee to agree the final draft of the Report on the Operation of the Provisions of Parts 3&4 of the NI Act 1998.

Agreed: The Committee agreed the ‘*Executive Summary*’ section of the Report.

Agreed: The Committee agreed the ‘*Introduction*’ section of the Report.

Agreed: The Committee agreed the ‘*Timeline of Assembly and Executive Review Committee Reports*’ section of the Report.

Agreed: The Committee agreed the ‘*Summary of Assembly and Executive Review Committee Reports*’ section of the Report.

Agreed: The Committee agreed the ‘*Engagement with Political Parties*’ section of the Report.

Agreed: The Committee agreed the ‘*Committee Conclusions*’ section of the Report.

Agreed: The Committee agreed Appendix 1 –*Minutes of Proceedings* section of the Report.

Agreed: The Committee agreed Appendix 2 – *Minutes of Evidence* section of the Report.

Agreed: The Committee agreed Appendix 3 – *Assembly and Executive Committee Reports* section of the Report.

Agreed: The Committee agreed Appendix 4 – *Correspondence from Political Parties Re: Future Topics for Review* section of the Report.

Agreed: The Committee agreed Appendix 5 –*Assembly Research Papers* section of the Report.

Agreed: The Committee agreed Appendix 6 – *Stormont House Agreement* section of the Report.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that the Report be the seventh report of the Assembly and the Executive Review Committee to the Assembly.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that the Committee secretariat makes any amendments to the Report as agreed by the Committee and takes the necessary actions to ensure that the Committee Report is printed and published in accordance with Assembly guidelines.

Agreed: The Committee agreed the Hansard of this meeting be included in the Report.

Agreed: The Committee agreed the minutes of today's meeting be approved by the Deputy Chairperson and included in the Report.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that the Report be debated in Plenary and agreed the wording of a draft motion for the debate.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to forward a copy of the embargoed Report to the Secretary of State, the First Minister and deputy First Minister, leaders of the Parties and Independent Members of the NI Assembly.

Agreed: The Committee agreed the draft motion for debate of the Report in the Assembly Plenary and to forward to the Business Office.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to order a minimum amount of hard copies of the Report.

Agreed: The Committee agreed two embargoed Reports be laid in the Business Office within the given timescale and once printed distributed to all MLAs which will remain embargoed until the commencement of the plenary debate.

6. Correspondence

Members noted an invitation from the Northern Ireland Assembly and Business trust to a *Women and Leadership Seminar*.

Members noted a letter from the Secretary of State in response to the Report on *Women in Politics and the Northern Ireland Assembly*.

7. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

8. Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be scheduled following the General Elections on 7 May 2015 and the Committee secretariat will confirm the next date of the meeting.

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 10.14 am

**Mr Pat Sheehan, Deputy Chairperson
Assembly and Executive Review Committee**