



**Northern Ireland
Assembly**

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**TUESDAY 27 JANUARY 2015, ROOM 30, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS,
BALLYMISCAW, STORMONT**

Present: Mr Stephen Moutray (Chairperson)
Mr Pat Sheehan (Deputy Chairperson)
Mr Roy Beggs
Mr Trevor Lunn
Mr Seán Rogers
Mr Alastair Ross
Mr Raymond McCartney
Ms Caitríona Ruane

In Attendance:	Ms Claire McCanny	(Senior Assistant Assembly Clerk)
	Ms Kate McCullough	(Assistant Assembly Clerk)
	Mr Jim Nulty	(Clerical Supervisor)

The meeting opened at 10.05am in public session.

1. Apologies

Mr Gregory Campbell
Ms Paula Bradley

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 13 January 2015.

The meeting moved into closed session at 10.07am

3. Women in Politics and the Northern Ireland Assembly – Committee Consideration

Members reviewed the amended conclusions and recommendations in relation to the Women in Politics and the Northern Ireland Assembly Review.

Pat Sheehan joined the meeting at 10.18am

Caitríona Ruane left the meeting at 10.23am

Seán Rogers left the meeting at 10.28am

Caitríona Ruane joined the meeting at 10.30am

Raymond McCartney left the meeting at 10.45am

Raymond McCartney joined the meeting at 10.48am

Pat Sheehan left the meeting at 10.48am

Agreed: To make a number of minor amendments to the draft and to discuss the conclusions and recommendations at the next meeting.

Members noted the draft report.

Agreed: To be considered at the next meeting.

Raymond McCartney left the meeting at 11.17am

4. Report on the Operation of the Provisions of Parts III and IV of the Northern Ireland Act 1998

Members considered the process for completing the Report on the Provisions of Parts III and IV.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to party leaders and independents MLAs to seek their views in respect of Parts III and IV of the NI Act 1998.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to commission a paper from the Assembly's Research and Information Services to assist the Committee in its deliberations.

5. Correspondence

Members noted the response from the Committee of Standards and Privilege regarding gender and the new Code of Conduct.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to include the correspondence in its Report on Women in Politics and the Northern Ireland Assembly.

Members considered the email in relation to an Equal Pay Issue and the NI Executive.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to forward the correspondence regarding Equal Pay Issue and the NI Executive to the OFMdfM Committee to forward to the Executive Committee.

6. Forward Work Programme

Agreed: The Committee agreed the draft Forward Work Programme

Agreed: The Committee agreed to move the start time of AERC meetings from 10.30am to 10.00am until such time that the Report on the Operation of the Provisions of Parts III and IV of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 has been agreed (1 May 2015). Following the conclusion of this Report the Committee will revert to its original start time of 10.30am.

7. Any Other Business

There was no other business to discuss.

8. Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 10 February 2015 at 9.30am in Room 21.

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 11.31am

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