**NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY**

**BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

# TUESDAY 26 MAY 2015

**IN ROOM 106, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS**

**MINUTES**

##### The meeting began at 12.36pm.

**Present: The Speaker (Chairperson)**

**Mr S Dickson**

**Mr G Kelly**

**Mrs K McKevitt**

**Lord Morrow**

**Mrs S Overend**

**Ms C Ruane**

**Mr R Swann**

**Mr P Weir**

In attendance: Dr A McGarel Clerk of Business

**Ms N Dunwoody Clerk Assistant**

**Mr R Ramsey Adviser to the Speaker**

**Ms F Leneghan PS/Speaker**

**Mr H Widdis Director of Legal and Governance Services**

**Mr C McNickle Assistant Assembly Clerk**

**Observers: Junior Minister McIlveen**

**Mr A Rogers OFMDFM**

1. **Apologies**

* 1. Apologies were received from Mr Ramsey and the Speaker expressed his condolences following Mr Ramsey’s recent bereavement.

2. **Minutes of previous meeting**

2.1 The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 19 May were **agreed**.

3. **Matters arising**

3.1 There were no matters arising.

4. **Finalisation of the Order Papers for the plenary meetings in week commencing 01 June 2015**

Executive Business

4.1 Members **noted** that there was no change to Executive Business previously scheduled for either day.

Committee Business

4.2 Members **noted** that there was no change to Committee Business previously scheduled for Monday 01 June.

4.3 Members **noted** that there was no Committee Business scheduled for Tuesday 02 June.

Private Members’ Business

4.4 Members **noted** that there was no change to Private Members’ Business previously scheduled for Monday 01 June.

4.5 Members **noted** that there was no Private Members’ Business scheduled for Tuesday 02 June.

4.6 Junior Minister McIlveen advised that no further business was expected at this stage.

4.7 The draft Order Papers were **agreed**.

5. **Provisional arrangements for the plenary meetings in week commencing 08 June 2015**

Executive Business

5.1 Members **noted** that the following Executive Business was scheduled for Monday 08 June:

* Question Time to the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister and to the Minister of the Environment;
* First Stage of the Mental Capacity Bill, subject to the Speaker’s clearance;
* Motion on the Supply Resolution Main Estimates 2015/16;
* First Stage of the Budget (No.2) Bill 2015, subject to the Speaker’s clearance.

5.2 Members **agreed** that up to 4 hours should be allocated for the debate on the Supply Resolution Main Estimates 2015/16, with one hour for the Minister to divide between moving and winding, and 10 minutes for all other speakers.

5.3 Members **noted** that the following Executive Business was scheduled for Tuesday 09 June:

* Question Time to the Minister of Finance and Personnel and to the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety;
* Second Stage of the Budget (No.2) Bill 2015, subject to the Speaker’s clearance;
* Further Consideration Stage of the Reservoirs Bill (NIA Bill 31/11-16).

Committee Business

5.4 Members **agreed** to a request from the Committee for the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister to schedule the Further Consideration Stage of the Ombudsman and Commissioner for Complaints (Amendment) Bill (NIA Bill 48/11-16) for Monday 08 June.

5.5 Members **agreed** to a request from the Committee for the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister to schedule the Final Stage of the Ombudsman and Commissioner for Complaints (Amendment) Bill (NIA Bill 48/11-16) for Tuesday 09 June.

Private Members’ Business

5.6 Members **agreed** to schedule no Private Members’ Business on either day.

5.7 Members **agreed** to consider the rescheduling of a DUP motion on ‘Funding for Musical Instruments’ and an Alliance Party Adjournment Debate on ‘Nursery and Primary School Provision in East and South Belfast’ at the next meeting of the Committee.

5.8 Junior Minister McIlveen advised that all Ministers were available.

5.9 The provisional Order Papers were **agreed**.

6. **Any other business**

6.1 Following the cancellation of the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister’s Question Time slot for Tuesday 26 May, the Chairperson proposed to schedule a motion to suspend Standing Order 20(1) for Tuesday 26 May to allow for debate on the Final Stage of the Welfare Reform Bill to take place between 2pm and 2.45pm. Members **agreed** to the proposal and it was **further agreed** that a Revised Order paper be issued accordingly.

7. **Date and time of next meeting**

7.1 Members **agreed** to meet at approximately 12.30pm on Tuesday 02 June 2015 in Room 106.

*The Chairperson brought the meeting to a close at 12.43pm*

**The Speaker**

**Chairperson**