

**NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY**  
**BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

**TUESDAY 01 SEPTEMBER 2015**  
**IN ROOM 106, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS**

**MINUTES**

*The meeting began at 12.32pm.*

**Present:**

**The Speaker (Chairperson)**  
**Mr G Kelly**  
**Ms A Lo**  
**Mrs K McKevitt**  
**Lord Morrow**  
**Mrs S Overend**  
**Mr P Ramsey**  
**Ms C Ruane**  
**Mr P Weir**

<b>In attendance:</b>	<b>Dr A McGarel</b>	<b>Clerk of Business</b>
	<b>Mr T Reaney</b>	<b>Clerk/Chief Executive</b>
	<b>Mr G McGrath</b>	<b>Director of Clerking and Reporting</b>
	<b>Ms N Dunwoody</b>	<b>Clerk Assistant</b>
	<b>Mr H Widdis</b>	<b>Director of Legal Services and Governance</b>
	<b>Mr R Ramsey</b>	<b>Adviser to the Speaker</b>
	<b>Ms F Leneghan</b>	<b>PS/Speaker</b>
	<b>Mr G Ervine</b>	<b>Assistant Assembly Clerk</b>
	<b>Mr C McNickle</b>	<b>Clerical Supervisor</b>

**Observers:**

**Junior Minister McCann**  
**Junior Minister McIlveen**  
**Mr A Rogers**                      **OFMDFM**

**1.     Apologies**

1.1    There were apologies from Mr Stewart Dickson and Mr Robin Swann.

**2.     Minutes of previous meeting**

2.1    The minutes of the meetings held on Tuesday 23 June were **agreed**.

3. **Matters arising**

3.1 There were no matters arising.

3.2 Mr Weir proposed a motion that the Assembly stands in recess until 05 October 2015 subject to further decision of the Business Committee. Members **agreed** to return to this item of business after the motion had been circulated to those present.

4. **Finalisation of the Order Papers for the plenary meetings in week commencing 07 September 2015**

Public Petition

4.1 Members **agreed** to schedule the presentation of a Public Petition by Mr Jim Allister, on 'the establishment of a Helicopter Emergency Medical Service in Northern Ireland', for Tuesday 08 September.

Assembly Business

4.2 Members **agreed** to schedule a motion from the DUP to change Committee Membership on Monday 07 September.

4.3 Members **agreed** to schedule a motion from the SDLP to change Committee Membership on Monday 07 September.

Executive Business

4.4 Members **noted** that the First Stage of the Houses in Multiple Occupation Bill was scheduled for Monday 07 September; this has been cleared by the Speaker for legislative competence.

4.5 Members **noted** that Question Time to the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister and to the Minister of Justice was scheduled for Monday 07 September.

4.6 Members **noted** that the Second Stage of the Justice (No. 2) Bill was scheduled for Tuesday 08 September.

4.7 Members **noted** that Question Time to the Minister for Regional Development and to the Minister for Social Development was scheduled for Tuesday 08 September.

### Committee Business

- 4.8 Members **agreed** to schedule a motion from the Committee for Regional Development to extend the Committee Stage of the Water and Sewerage Services Bill for Monday 07 September.
- 4.9 Members **agreed** to schedule a motion from the Committee for Finance and Personnel to extend the Committee Stage of the Legal Complaints and Regulation Bill for Monday 07 September.
- 4.10 Members **agreed** to schedule a motion from the Committee for Enterprise, Trade and Investment on 'Growing the Economy and Creating Jobs with Lower Corporation Tax' for Monday 07 September.
- 4.11 Members **agreed** that up to 2 hours should be allocated for the motion, with 15 minutes to move, 15 minutes to wind and 5 minutes for all other speakers.
- 4.12 Members **agreed** to schedule a motion from the Committee for Education on 'Shared and Integrated Education' for Tuesday 08 September.
- 4.13 Members **agreed** that up to 2 hours should be allocated for the motion, with 15 minutes to move, 15 minutes to wind and 5 minutes for all other speakers.

### Private Members' Business

- 4.14 Members **agreed** to schedule one Private Members' Motion on Monday 07 September and one Private Members' Motion on Tuesday 08 September.
- 4.15 Ms Ruane raised concerns regarding the process of tabling of Private Members' Motions following the commencement of the new Assembly session. Members noted that both Sinn Féin and DUP had tabled similar motions on the agri-food industry and Ms Ruane asked for clarity on the decision-making process for motions to be placed on the No-Day-Named list.
- 4.16 Under the system of allocation, the selection for Monday 07 September lay with DUP and the selection for Tuesday 08 September lay with Sinn Féin. The DUP indicated that they would not be selecting a motion for debate therefore the next selection fell to Sinn Féin. The following motions were selected:
- 'Murders of Gerard Davison and Kevin McGuigan' (Mr G Kelly, Mr R McCartney and Ms C Ní Chuilín);
  - 'Importance of the Agri-Food Industry' (Mr D McAleer, Mr O McMullan and Mr I Milne).

- 4.17 The motion on the importance of the agri-food industry was selected subject to further consideration by the Speaker in relation to paragraph 4.15.
- 4.18 Members **agreed** to schedule an Adjournment Debate on Tuesday 08 September. Under the system of allocation, the selection lay with the DUP. The DUP indicated that they would not be selecting a topic for debate therefore the next selection fell to Sinn Féin and the following topic was selected:
- 'Future of Dalriada Hospital' (Mr D McKay).
- 4.19 Junior Minister McCann advised that no further business was expected at this stage.
- 4.20 The draft Order Papers were **agreed**.
- 4.21 Members returned to Mr Weir's proposal that the Assembly stands in recess until 05 October 2015 subject to further decision of the Business Committee.
- 4.22 Members **voted** on the proposal as follows:
- For - 46 votes  
Against - 55 votes
- 4.23 The proposal was, therefore, **negatived**.

5. **Provisional arrangements for the plenary meetings in week commencing 14 September 2015**

Executive Business

- 5.1 Members **noted** that the following Executive Business was scheduled for Monday 14 September:
- Question Time to the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development and the Minister of Culture, Arts and Leisure;
- 5.2 Members **noted** that the following Executive Business was scheduled for Tuesday 15 September:
- Second Stage of the Credit Unions and Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Bill (NIA Bill 56/11-16);
  - Further Consideration Stage of the Insolvency (Amendment) Bill (NIA Bill 39/11-15).

- Question Time to the Minister of Education and to the Minister for Employment and Learning.

### Committee Business

- 5.3 Members **noted** that there was no Committee Business requested for either day.

### Private Members' Business

- 5.4 Members **agreed** to schedule two Private Members' Motions on Monday 14 September and one Private Members' Motion on Tuesday 15 September.
- 5.5 Under the system of allocation, the selections for Monday 14 September and Tuesday 15 September lay with DUP, Sinn Féin and SDLP. The DUP indicated that they would not be selecting a motion for debate therefore the next selection fell to UUP. The following motions were selected:
- 'Housing Executive Structures (Mr A Maskey and Mr F McCann);
  - 'Increasing Free Childcare' (Mr P McGlone, Mr S Rogers and Ms C Hanna).
- 5.6 Ms Overend undertook to inform the Business Office of her party's selection following the meeting.
- 5.7 Members **agreed** that up to 1 hour 30 minutes should be allocated for each motion, with the usual speaking times.
- 5.8 Members **agreed** to schedule an Adjournment Debate on Tuesday 15 September. Under the system of allocation, the selection lay with the DUP. The DUP indicated that they would not be selecting a topic for debate therefore the next selection fell to Sinn Féin. Ms Ruane undertook to inform the Business Office of her party's selection following the meeting.
- 5.9 The provisional Order Papers were **agreed**.

## 6. Correspondence

- 6.1 Members **noted** correspondence from the Clerk Assistants' Office regarding publication on the Assembly website of Members' attendance at Committees.
- 6.2 Members **noted** correspondence from the Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment and **agreed** to change the date of his Question Time slot from Monday 12 October to Monday 05 October.

6.3 Members **noted** correspondence from the Minister for Social Development and **agreed** that the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety would answer questions on his behalf on 08 September.

6.4 Members **noted** correspondence from the Committee on Procedures regarding Members not in place for Question Time.

7. **Any other business**

7.1 Members **noted** correspondence sent to the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister regarding the scheduling of Executive Business.

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

8.1 Members **agreed** to meet at 1.00pm on Tuesday 08 September 2015 in Room 106.

*The Chairperson brought the meeting to a close at 12.55pm*

**The Speaker**  
**Chairperson**