



Committee for The Executive Office

Minutes of Proceedings

Thursday 10th March 2022

Meeting Location: Fully Virtual, Starleaf

Present via Video Conferencing:

Ms Sinéad McLaughlin (Chairperson)

Mr Pádraig Delargy MLA

Mr Pat Sheehan MLA

Ms Emma Sheerin MLA

Ms Diane Dodds MLA

Mr Alex Easton MLA

Mr Trevor Lunn MLA

Apologies: None

In Attendance:

Mr Michael Potter (Assembly Clerk)

Ms Sarah-Anne McKinley (Assistant Clerk)

Ms Alison Belshaw (Clerical Supervisor)

Mr Chris McAfee (Clerical Officer)



The meeting commenced at 9.13am in open session.

1. Apologies

As above.

2. Draft Minutes

Agreed: The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 9th March 2022.

3. Fair Employment (School Teachers) Bill: Consideration of Bill Report

The Committee considered the final draft report on the Fair Employment (School Teachers) Bill.

Title Page, Committee Membership and Powers, Table of Contents and List of Abbreviations

The Committee considered the Title page, Committee Membership and Powers, Table of Contents and List of Abbreviations as drafted.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that it was content with the Title Page, Table of Contents, Committee Membership and Powers and List of Abbreviations, as drafted.

Executive Summary



The Committee considered the Executive Summary of the report.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that it was content with the Executive Summary of the report, as drafted.

Introduction

The Committee considered the Introduction section of the report.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that it was content with the with the Introduction section of the report, as drafted.

Committee Approach and Acknowledgements

The Committee considered the Committee Approach and Acknowledgements sections of the report.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that it was content with the with the Committee Approach and Acknowledgements sections of the report, as drafted.

Committee Deliberations

The Committee considered the Committee Deliberations section of the report.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that it was content with the Committee Deliberations section of the report, as drafted.

Clause by Clause Consideration

The Committee considered the Clause by Clause consideration section of the report.

The Committee considered Clause 3 and the Committee's proposed amendments:



3.—(1) *'The preceding provisions of this Act come into operation on such day or days as the Executive Office may by order appoint (subject to subsection (2)).*

2) *The preceding provisions of this Act come into force at the end of the period of 24 months beginning with the day on which this Act is passed if by that time no order has been made under subsection (1) bringing the preceding provisions of this Act into operation.'*

Agreed: The Committee agreed to change the preceding provisions of the Act to come into force at the end of the period of 24 months rather than 12 months to Clause 3 of the Bill.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that it was content with remaining Clause by Clause consideration section of the report, as drafted.

Recommendations

The Committee considered the Recommendations section of the Bill report as drafted.

Agreed: The Committee agreed the recommendations of the Bill section of the report, as drafted.

Appendices

The Committee considered the list of Appendices in the report.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that it was content with the list of Appendices in the report, as drafted.

General



Agreed: The Committee agreed that it was content for the Chairperson to approve an extract from today's minutes, that covers the consideration and approval of the Committee report, to be included in the appendices of the report.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that it was content for the Report on the Fair Employment (School Teacher's) Bill to be published as its 2nd Report of this mandate.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that links to the Bill Report should be sent to the Bill Sponsor, Members and all organisations and individuals who provided evidence to the Committee on the Bill.

The Chairperson thanked the Clerk and his team for the production of the report.

The Chairperson advised the Committee that the Committee Stage of the Bill was now complete and that the Clerk would notify the Business Office and for the Chair to lay the Committee's amendment to the Bill, as shown in the minutes and the final report.

4. Any Other Business

None.

5. Date, Time and Place of the next meeting

The next Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday 16 March at 2:00pm, in Room 30, Parliament Buildings.



The meeting was adjourned at 9.18am.



Sinéad McLaughlin Chairperson, Committee for the Executive Office