



COMMITTEE FOR FINANCE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY 3 JUNE 2020

Senate Chamber, Parliament Buildings, Belfast

Present: Dr Steve Aiken OBE MLA (Chairperson)
Mr Paul Frew MLA (Deputy Chairperson)
Mr Jim Allister MLA
Mr Pat Catney MLA
Mr Seán Lynch MLA
Mr Maolíosa McHugh MLA
Mr Matthew O'Toole MLA
Mr Jim Wells MLA

Present by Teleconferencing:

Ms Jemma Dolan MLA

Apologies:

In Attendance: Mr Jim McManus (Assembly Clerk)
Mr Neil Sedgewick (Clerical Supervisor)

The meeting commenced at 14.30pm in public session.

5. Oral Evidence: Mrs Felicity Huston - Functioning of Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill

The following witnesses joined the meeting at 15.10pm

- Felicity Huston, Huston & Co. Tax Consultants and Accountants

Issues discussed included: the need to build confidence with the public; the detail of the current and previous Codes for Appointment of Special Advisers; the independence of the Commissioner for Public Appointments.

Jim Wells and Matthew O'Toole left the meeting at 15.55pm

Agreed: To ask the witness to respond in writing to any further questions.

Agreed: To commission research from RaISe to examine functions and independence of the Commissioner for Public Appointments in Northern Ireland.

Witness left the meeting at 16.17pm

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