



COMMITTEE FOR FINANCE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY 10 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
Ms Jemma Dolan MLA
Mr Seán Lynch MLA
Mr Maolíosa McHugh MLA
Mr Matthew O'Toole MLA
Mr Jim Wells MLA

Apologies:

In Attendance: Mr Jim McManus (Assembly Clerk)
Mr Neil Sedgewick (Clerical Supervisor)
Mr Ray McCaffrey (RaISe Researcher) – by teleconferencing

5. Oral Briefing by RaISe - a research paper on the Functioning of Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill

The Committee considered a presentation on the research paper prepared by the RaISe researcher on the Functioning of Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill

Agreed: To clarify if, when in a coalition government, the Scottish First Minister still has the power to discipline Special Advisers from other political parties.

The researcher left the meeting at 16.26pm

10. Correspondence

- iii. The Committee considered the response from the Institute for Government regarding the Functioning of Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill.

Agreed: To forward the response from the Institute of Government on the Functioning of Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill to the Committee for the Executive Office.

- v. The Committee noted a letter from the Committee for Justice regarding the Functioning of Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill.

11. Draft Forward Work Programme

The Committee considered the Forward Work Programme for July 2020

Agreed: RaISe research in relation to the Functioning of Government Bill regarding the independence of the Commissioner for Public Appointments NI to be received on 1 July 2020.

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