



COMMITTEE FOR FINANCE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2020

Senate Chamber, Parliament Buildings, Belfast

Present: Mr Paul Frew MLA (Deputy Chairperson)
Mr Jim Allister MLA
Mr Pat Catney MLA
Mr Seán Lynch MLA
Mr Maolíosa McHugh MLA
Mr Jim Wells MLA

Present by teleconferencing:

Ms Jemma Dolan MLA

Apologies: Dr Steve Aiken OBE MLA (Chairperson)
Mr Matthew O'Toole MLA

In Attendance: Mr Keith McBride (Assembly Clerk)
Mr Phil Pateman (Assistant Assembly Clerk)
Ms Kate McCullough (Assistant Assembly Clerk)
Mr Neil Sedgewick (Clerical Supervisor)
Ms Heather Graham (Clerical Officer)

The meeting commenced at 12.33pm in public session, Chaired by Mr Paul Frew, Deputy Chairperson

4. Oral Evidence: Functioning of Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill – the Bill Sponsor

The oral evidence session was reported by Hansard.

The oral evidence session commenced at 12.37pm

- Mr Jim Allister MLA, Bill sponsor

Issues discussed included: A new statutory duty for Departments to comply in providing information before implementing Section 44 and sanctions; criminal offence for failure to use non-official systems and the transfer of information to official systems; maintaining the dates identified in Clause 4 due to COVID-19; Codes vs legislation.

Agreed: To write to the Bill Sponsor seeking responses to additional questions outlined in the Clerk's paper.

Agreed: To invite the Bill Clerk to brief the Committee on the next steps of the passage of the Bill

The oral evidence session ended at 13.34pm

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