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**Members present for all or part of the proceedings:**

Mr Colm Gildernew (Chairperson)  
Mrs Pam Cameron (Deputy Chairperson)  
Ms Paula Bradshaw  
Mr Gerry Carroll  
Mr Alan Chambers  
Mrs Deborah Erskine  
Ms Órlaithí Flynn  
Mr Colin McGrath  
Ms Carál Ní Chuilín

**The Chairperson (Mr Gildernew):** I will proceed through the clauses and formally put the Question on each clause. If there is no consensus on each Question, I will ask members to vote using a show of hands. The Clerk will confirm the result of each vote.

*Question, That the Committee is content with clause 1, put and agreed to.*

**Mrs Cameron:** Chair, Deborah and I are not taking part in the vote. We are not voting for or against or abstaining. We are just not taking part at this point. We are reserving our judgement.

**Ms Bradshaw:** I am the same, Chair.

**Mr Chambers:** Chairman, that is my position as well.

**The Chairperson (Mr Gildernew):** Thank you, members, for clarifying and putting that on the record.

With that on the record, I will move on.

*Question, That the Committee is content with clause 2, put and agreed to.*

*Question, That the Committee is content with clause 3, put and agreed to.*

*Question, That the Committee is content with the long title, put and agreed to.*

**The Chairperson (Mr Gildernew):** Thank you for that, members. I thank members for all their work on the Bill.

I genuinely understand that members have concerns about how all the measures might be implemented. I certainly do not diminish the fact that there are challenges in that, but it is something

tangible that we can do by way of addressing an inequity for staff, patients and those with no access to public transport. I thank members, and I thank the Clerk and the Committee team for *[Inaudible]* and the Research and Information Service (RaISe) for that paper.