



Northern Ireland
Assembly

Ad Hoc Committee on the Assembly Members (Remuneration Board) Bill

Minutes of Proceedings

20 February 2025

Meeting Location: Room 21, Parliament Buildings

Present:

Phillip Brett MLA, Chairperson

Cathy Mason MLA, Deputy Chairperson

Paula Bradshaw MLA

Gary Middleton MLA

Present by video or telephone conference:

Pádraig Delargy MLA

Apologies:

Daniel McCrossan MLA

In Attendance:

Jim McManus, Committee Clerk

Roisin Donnelly, Assistant Committee Clerk

Carla Campbell, Clerical Supervisor

The meeting commenced at 2:02 pm in public session.

1. Apologies

Apologies as above.

2. Chairperson's Business

There was no Chairperson's business.

3. Draft Minutes

Agreed: The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 18 February 2025.

4. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

5. Assembly Members (Remuneration Board) Bill – oral evidence from the NI Assembly Commission

The following members of the NI Assembly Commission and NI Assembly officials joined the meeting at 2:03 pm:

Andy Allen MLA;

Trevor Clarke MLA

Sinéad Ennis MLA;

Nuala McAllister MLA;

Colin McGrath MLA;

Lesley Hogg, Clerk and Chief Executive of the NI Assembly; and

Tara Caul, Director of Legal, Governance and Research Services, NI Assembly.

The Chairperson congratulated Mr Allen on his participation and achievements at the recent Invictus Games.

Sinéad Ennis MLA outlined the provisions of the Assembly Members (Remuneration Board) Bill.

This was followed by a question and answer session.

The Chairperson thanked the Assembly Commission Members and Assembly officials for their attendance.

The evidence session was reported by Hansard.

Agreed: To ask the Commission to provide details, when available, of which Assembly committee will scrutinise delegated legislation, provided for at Clause 4 of the Bill, to allow the Commission to make provision about temporary appointments to the Board by order. Standing Order 43(1)(b) requires that every statutory rule or draft statutory rule which is subject to Assembly proceedings shall stand referred to the appropriate committee for scrutiny.

6. Correspondence

The Committee noted correspondence from the Assembly Bill Office confirming the commencement of the committee stage of the Assembly Members (Remuneration Board) Bill on 18 February.

7. Forward Work Programme

The Committee considered a draft Forward Work Programme.

Agreed: The Committee agreed its Forward Work Programme.

8. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

9. Date, Time and Place of the next meeting

The next meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee was scheduled to take place at 1:00 pm on Tuesday, 25 February 2025 in Room 30.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 pm.

Phillip Brett MLA

Chairperson, Ad Hoc Committee on the Assembly Members (Remuneration Board) Bill

25 February 2025