



Northern Ireland
Assembly

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

Minutes of Proceedings

8 April 2025

Meeting Location: Room 29, Parliament Buildings

Present:

Phillip Brett MLA, Chairperson

Paula Bradshaw MLA

Pádraig Delargy MLA

Gary Middleton MLA

John Stewart MLA

Apologies:

Cathy Mason MLA, Deputy Chairperson

Daniel McCrossan MLA

In Attendance:

Jim McManus, Committee Clerk

Roisin Donnelly, Assistant Assembly Clerk

Carla Campbell, Clerical Supervisor

The meeting commenced at 1:04 pm in public session.

1. Apologies

Apologies are noted above.

2. Declaration of Interests

The Chairperson advised members of their requirement to register their interests under Standing Order 69(5).

Agreed: The Committee agreed that as the Ad Hoc Committee has been established to scrutinise a Bill that relates to MLA salaries, allowances and pensions, the minutes should reflect that all members of the Committee have a financial interest in the work of the Committee.

3. Chairperson's Business

There was no Chairperson's business.

4. Draft Minutes

Agreed: The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 1 April 2025.

5. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

6. Assembly Members (Remuneration Board) Bill – Consideration of Committee Report

The Committee considered its report on the Assembly Members (Remuneration Board) Bill.

Title Page, Table of Contents, Committee Powers and Membership, and List of Abbreviations and Acronyms

The Committee considered the Title Page, Table of Contents, Committee Powers and Membership, and List of Abbreviations and Acronyms as drafted.

Agreed: The Committee was content with the Title Page, Table of Contents, Committee Powers and Membership, and List of Abbreviations and Acronyms as drafted.

Executive Summary

The Committee considered the Executive Summary of the report as drafted.

Agreed: The Committee was content with the Executive Summary as drafted.

Introduction

The Committee considered the Introduction and Committee Approach section of the report (paragraphs 10 to 24) as drafted.

Agreed: The Committee was content with the Introduction section of the report as drafted.

Consideration of the Bill

The Committee considered the Consideration of the Bill section of the report (paragraphs 25 to 131) as drafted.

Agreed: The Committee was content with the Consideration of the Bill section of the report as drafted.

Clause-by-Clause Consideration of the Bill

The Committee considered the Clause-by-Clause Consideration of the Bill section of the report (paragraphs 132 to 147) as drafted.

Agreed: The Committee was content with the Clause-by-Clause Consideration of the Bill section of the report as drafted.

Appendices

The Committee considered the Appendices section of the report.

Agreed: The Committee was content that the Appendices be included in the report.

Agreed: The Committee was content for the Chairperson to approve the Minutes of Proceedings of this meeting for inclusion in the report.

Agreed: The Committee was content for the Report on Assembly Members (Remuneration Board) Bill to be published.

Agreed: An electronic copy of the Bill report will be sent to the Assembly Commission and all organisations who provided evidence to the Committee on the Bill.

7. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

8. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

9. Date, Time and Place of the next meeting

The Chairperson thanked the committee secretariat for their support in the management of the committee stage of the Bill.

The Chairperson also thanked committee members for their contribution in undertaking the committee stage of the Assembly Members (Remuneration Board) Bill.

There are no further scheduled meetings of the Ad Hoc Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 1.07 pm.

Phillip Brett MLA

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

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