



Northern Ireland
Assembly

Committee for the Economy

Minutes of Proceedings

Wednesday 25 February 2026

Meeting Location: Room 30, Parliament Buildings

Present: Mr Phillip Brett MLA (Chairperson)
Ms Diane Forsythe (Deputy Chairperson)
Ms Diana Armstrong MLA
Mr Jonathan Buckley MLA
Mr David Honeyford MLA
Ms Sinéad McLaughlin MLA
Ms Kate Nicholl MLA

Present via video conferencing:
Mr Pádraig Delargy MLA
Miss Jemma Dolan MLA

Apologies: None

In Attendance: Peter McCallion (Assembly Clerk)

Claire Milliken (Senior Assistant Assembly Clerk)

Katie McMaster (Assistant Assembly Clerk)

Karen O'Hare (Clerical Supervisor)

Sarah Dowd (Clerical Officer)

The meeting commenced in open session at 10:06am.

Agreed: The Committee agreed a revised tabled agenda.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to reschedule a briefing on the impact of Reval 2026 on hospitality and tourism sectors to 4 March 2026.

1. Apologies

There were no apologies.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

6. RHI (Closure of Non-Domestic Scheme) Bill – Agreement of Report

Noted: The Committee noted a Departmental response in respect of the development of Departmental plans for unspent Annual Managed Expenditure (AME) which would become available following the agreement of closure arrangements for the Non-Domestic RHI Scheme.

The Committee considered a draft of the RHI (Closure of Non-Domestic Scheme) Bill Committee Stage report.

Agreed: The Committee agreed the Background section, as drafted.

Agreed: The Committee agreed the Committee Approach section, as drafted.

Agreed: The Committee agreed the Consideration of the Bill section, as drafted.

Agreed: The Committee agreed the Clause by Clause Scrutiny section, as drafted.

Agreed: The Committee agreed the Appendices, as drafted.

- Agreed:** The Committee agreed the Executive Summary section, as drafted.
- Agreed:** The Committee agreed that the report to be published as its 6th report of the mandate.
- Agreed:** The Committee also agreed to include an extract from the minutes of 25 February 2026 in the report.