



Northern Ireland
Assembly

Committee for the Economy

Minutes of Proceedings

Wednesday 24 September 2025

Meeting Location: Room 30, Parliament Buildings

Present: Mr Phillip Brett MLA (Chairperson)

Ms Diana Armstrong MLA

Mr David Honeyford MLA

Present by video-conferencing:

Mr Gary Middleton MLA (Deputy Chairperson)

Mr Jonathan Buckley MLA

Mr Pádraig Delargy MLA

Ms Sinéad McLaughlin MLA

Ms Emma Sheerin MLA

Apologies: Ms Kate Nicholl MLA

In Attendance: Peter McCallion (Assembly Clerk)

Katie McMaster (Assistant Assembly Clerk)

Karen O'Hare (Clerical Supervisor)

Kyle Lawlor (Clerical Officer)

The meeting commenced in public session at 10:08am.

1. Apologies

Apologies were as indicated above.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Padraig Delargy left the meeting at 11:12am

The Committee agreed to revise the order of its agenda.

10. Westminster Sustainable Aviation Fuel Bill – Evidence Session

The following officials joined the meeting at 11:30am:

- Ian Maxwell – Head of Air Connectivity, DfE; and
- Stuart Maxwell – Air Connectivity Section, DfE

The evidence session was reported by Hansard

Key issues discussed included: spin-off benefits for local industry of sustainable aviation fuel; and the Minister's agreement to seek legislative consent for the relevant provisions of the Bill, subject to Executive approval.

The Chairperson thanked the officials for their briefing.

The officials left the meeting at 11:37am.

Agreed The Committee agreed to write to the Minister indicating its support for legislative consent for the Bill.