



Northern Ireland
Assembly

Committee on Procedures

Minutes of Proceedings

7 May 2025

Meeting Location: Room 21, Parliament Buildings

Present: Kellie Armstrong MLA (Chairperson)
Órlaithí Flynn MLA (Deputy Chairperson)
Trevor Clarke MLA
Maolíosa McHugh MLA

Present by Video or Teleconference:

Robbie Butler MLA
Danny Donnelly MLA
Aoife Finnegan MLA
Cara Hunter MLA
William Irwin MLA

Apologies: None

In Attendance: Stella McArdle, Assembly Clerk
Christine Darrah, Assembly Clerk
Michael Best, Assistant Assembly Clerk
Kevin Marks, Clerical Officer

The meeting started at 10.02 a.m. in public session.

1. Apologies

As above.

2. Draft Minutes

Agreed: The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 9 April 2025.

3. Matters Arising

None.

4. Annual Debate on the Executive's Legislative Timetable - Legal Advice and Revised Draft Standing Order

Agreed: The Committee agreed that the meeting should move into closed session.

The meeting moved into closed session at 10.04 a.m.

The Chairperson welcomed Mr Adam Leitch, Assembly Legal Adviser, to the meeting.

Mr Leitch outlined the revised draft Standing Order and associated legal advice to provide for an annual debate on the Executive's legislative programme.

Trevor Clarke joined the meeting at 10.14 a.m.

Cara Hunter joined the meeting at 10.14 a.m.

The briefing was followed by a question and answer session.

The Chairperson thanked Mr Leitch and he left the meeting.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to remove paragraph 8 from the draft Standing Order.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to request the views/comments of the First Minister and deputy First Minister on the draft Standing Order.

The meeting moved into public session at 10.28 a.m.

5. Forward Work Programme

The Committee considered an updated Forward Work Programme.

Agreed: The Committee agreed the updated Forward Work Programme.

6. Correspondence

The Committee noted correspondence from the Clerk to the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) setting out the primacy of the PAC over Northern Ireland Audit Office reports and providing information on the subject of its current inquiries.

7. Chairperson's Business

None.

8. Any Other Business

None.

9. Date, Time and Place of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 21 May 2025 at 10.00 a.m. in Room 21, Parliament Buildings.

The meeting was adjourned at 10.31 a.m.

Órlaithi Flynn MLA

Deputy Chairperson, Committee on Procedures

21 May 2025

