



Northern Ireland
Assembly

Windsor Framework Democratic Scrutiny Committee

Minutes of Proceedings

19 December 2024

Meeting Location: MS Teams

Present:

Philip McGuigan MLA (Chairperson)

David Brooks MLA (Deputy Chairperson)

Steve Aiken MLA

Jonathan Buckley MLA

Declan Kearney MLA

Peter Martin MLA

Kate Nicholl MLA

Emma Sheerin MLA

Eóin Tennyson MLA

Apologies:

None

In Attendance:

Marie Austin (Clerk)

Christopher Dickison (Senior Assistant Clerk)

Leigh Gibson (Senior Assistant Clerk)

Jessica Jacques (Senior Assistant Clerk)

Victoria Bourquin (Assistant Clerk)

Sinead Kelly (Assistant Clerk)

Oliver Bellew (Clerical Supervisor)

Suzanne Walsh (Clerical Supervisor)

Shelley Garner (Clerical Officer)

The meeting commenced at 10.00am in closed session.

1. Apologies

As above.

2. Declaration of Members' Interest

None.

3. Draft minutes

Agreed: The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 12 December 2024.

4. Directive (EU) 2024/2853 on liability for defective products and repealing Council Directive 85/374/EEC – Agreement of final report

The Committee considered the final draft report on its Inquiry into Directive (EU) 2024/2853 on liability for defective products and repealing Council Directive 85/374/EEC.

Declan Kearney and Emma Sheerin joined the meeting at 10.02am.

Purpose and Membership

The Committee considered the Purpose and Membership section of the report as drafted.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that it was content with the Purpose and Membership section of the report.

Introduction

The Committee considered the Introduction section of the report (paragraphs 1 to 8) as drafted.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that it was content with the Introduction section of the report.

Replacement EU Act

The Committee considered The Replacement EU Act section of the report (paragraphs 9 and 10) as drafted.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that it was content with The Replacement EU Act section of the report.

The Committee's Decision on Whether to Hold an Inquiry

The Committee considered The Committee's Decision on Whether to Hold an Inquiry section of the report (paragraphs 11 to 16) as drafted.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that it was content with The Committee's Decision on Whether to Hold an Inquiry section of the report.

The Inquiry Process

The Committee considered The Inquiry Process section of the report (paragraphs 17 to 26) as drafted.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that it was content with The Inquiry Process section of the report.

The Committee's Conclusions

The Committee considered paragraphs 27 to 29 of The Committee's Conclusions section of the report as drafted.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that it was content with paragraphs 27 to 29 of The Committee's Conclusions section of the report.

The Committee considered paragraph 30 of The Committee's Conclusions section of the report as drafted.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that it was content with paragraph 30 of The Committee's Conclusions section of the report.

The Committee considered paragraphs 31 and 32 of The Committee's Conclusions section of the report as drafted.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that it was content with paragraphs 31 and 32 of The Committee's Conclusions section of the report.

The Committee considered paragraph 33 of The Committee's Conclusions section of the report as drafted.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that it was content with paragraph 33 of The Committee's Conclusions section of the report.

Next Steps

The Committee considered the Next Steps section of the report (paragraphs 34 and 35) as drafted.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that it was content with the Next Steps section of the report.

Appendices

The Committee considered the Appendices section of the report.

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

Agreed: The Committee agreed that any formatting or typographical errors would be corrected by the Secretariat team in advance of the publication of the final report.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that the Report on its Inquiry into Directive (EU) 2024/2853 on liability for defective products and repealing Council Directive 85/374/EEC, be the Sixth Report of the Windsor Framework Democratic Scrutiny Committee to the Assembly.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that it was content for the Report on its Inquiry into Directive (EU) 2024/2853 on liability for defective products and repealing Council Directive 85/374/EEC, to be published and issued to all MLAs.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that it was content for the Report on its Inquiry into Directive (EU) 2024/2853 on liability for defective products and repealing Council Directive 85/374/EEC, to be issued to those who provided evidence to the Committee.

5. Regulation (EU) 2024/2865 amending Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures – Agreement of final report

The Committee considered the final draft report on its Inquiry into Regulation (EU) 2024/2865 amending Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures.

Purpose and Membership

The Committee considered the Purpose and Membership section of the report as drafted.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that it was content with the Purpose and Membership section of the report.

Introduction

The Committee considered the Introduction section of the report (paragraphs 1 to 8) as drafted.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that it was content with the Introduction section of the report.

Replacement EU Act

The Committee considered The Replacement EU Act section of the report (paragraphs 9 and 10) as drafted.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that it was content with The Replacement EU Act section of the report.

The Committee's Examination of the Proposed Replacement EU Act

The Committee considered The Committee's Examination of the Proposed Replacement EU Act section of the report (paragraphs 11 to 21) as drafted.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that it was content with The Committee's Examination of the Proposed Replacement EU Act section of the report.

The Committee's Decision on Whether to Hold an Inquiry

The Committee considered The Committee's Decision on Whether to Hold an Inquiry section of the report (paragraphs 22 to 26) as drafted.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that it was content with The Committee's Decision on Whether to Hold an Inquiry section of the report.

The Inquiry Process

The Committee considered The Inquiry Process section of the report (paragraphs 27 to 39) as drafted.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that it was content with The Inquiry Process section of the report.

The Committee's Conclusions

The Committee considered paragraphs 40 and 41 of The Committee's Conclusions section of the report as drafted.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that it was content with paragraphs 40 and 41 of The Committee's Conclusions section of the report.

The Committee considered paragraph 42 of The Committee's Conclusions section of the report as drafted.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that it was content with paragraph 42 of The Committee's Conclusions section of the report.

The Committee considered paragraphs 43 and 44 of The Committee's Conclusions section of the report as drafted.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that it was content with paragraphs 43 and 44 of The Committee's Conclusions section of the report.

The Committee considered paragraph 45 of The Committee's Conclusions section of the report as drafted.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that it was content with paragraph 45 of The Committee's Conclusions section of the report.

Next Steps

The Committee considered the Next Steps section of the report (paragraphs 46 and 47) as drafted.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that it was content with the Next Steps section of the report.

Appendices

The Committee considered the Appendices section of the report.

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

Agreed: The Committee agreed that any formatting or typographical errors would be corrected by the Secretariat team in advance of the publication of the final report.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that the Report on its Inquiry into Regulation (EU) 2024/2865 amending Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures, be the Seventh Report of the Windsor Framework Democratic Scrutiny Committee to the Assembly.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that it was content for the Report on its Inquiry into Regulation ((EU) 2024/2865 amending Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures, to be published and issued to all MLAs.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that it was content for the Report on its Inquiry into Regulation (EU) 2024/2865 amending Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures, to be issued to those who provided evidence to the Committee.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that it was content for the Chairperson to agree the Minutes of Proceedings for this meeting for inclusion in Appendix A of both Inquiry reports considered.

6. Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 9 January at 10:00am in Room 30.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:12am.

Philip McGuigan, MLA

Chairperson, Windsor Framework Democratic Scrutiny Committee