



**Northern Ireland  
Assembly**

**COMMITTEE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**THURSDAY, 10 DECEMBER 2015**

**SENATE CHAMBER, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS**

Present:	Ms Anna Lo MLA (Chairperson) Mrs Pam Cameron MLA (Deputy Chairperson) Mr Cathal Boylan MLA Mr Paul Girvan MLA Mr Alban Maginness MLA Mr Barry McElduff MLA Mr Ian Milne MLA Mrs Sandra Overend MLA Mr George Robinson MLA
In Attendance:	Miss Ciara McKay (Assembly Clerk) Mr Mark McQuade (Assistant Clerk) Mr Neil Sedgewick (Clerical Supervisor) Mrs Sharon Young (Clerical Officer)
Apologies:	Ms Claire Hanna MLA Mr William Irwin MLA

The meeting opened in public session at 10.10am.

**6. Scrap Metal Dealers Bill – Departmental Briefing.**

*Officials joined the meeting at 11.42am.*

The Committee was briefed by:

Mr Brendan Forde	Environmental Policy Division, Department of the Environment
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Ms Mairead Adams	Environmental Policy Division, Department of the Environment
Ms Helen Lewis	Environmental Policy Division, Department of the Environment

*Mr Milne rejoined the meeting at 12.04pm.*

*Agreed: Officials agreed to provide the Committee with further information on the level of fines imposed for environmental offences.*

*Officials left the meeting at 12.41pm.*

**7. Scrap Metal Dealers Bill – Briefing form the Northern Ireland Utilities Working Group on Metal Theft**

*Witnesses joined the meeting at 12.42pm.*

The Committee was briefed by:

Mr George Ong	Chief Risk Officer, NI Water, NI Utilities Working Group
Mr Paul Irving	Land & Property Security Officer, NIE Networks, NI Utilities Working Group
Mr Eugene O'Brien	Infrastructure Executive, Translink, NI Utilities Working Group
Mr Eddie Lynn	Asst. Lighting Engineer, Transport NI, NI Utilities Working Group

*Mr Robinson left the meeting at 12.42pm.*

*Mr Milne left the meeting at 12.47pm.*

*Mr Maginness rejoined the meeting at 1.12pm.*

*Witnesses left the meeting at 1.13pm.*

*Mr Girvan left the meeting at 1.13pm.*

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