



Northern Ireland
Assembly

COMMITTEE FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**THURSDAY 27 AUGUST 2015
ROOM 30, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS**

Present:

Mr Trevor Clarke MLA (Chairperson)
Mr Sean Lynch MLA (Deputy Chairperson)
Mr Adrian Cochrane-Watson MLA
Mr Alex Easton MLA
Mr David McNarry MLA

In attendance:

Mr Paul Carlisle (Clerk to the Committee)
Ms Pamela Carson (Assistant Assembly Clerk)
Ms Christine Dodson (Clerical Supervisor)
Mr Barry McLernon (Clerical Officer)

Apologies:

Mr John Dallat MLA
Mr Chris Lyttle MLA
Mr Declan McAleer MLA
Mr Cathal Ó hOisín MLA

14.03 The meeting commenced in open session.

1. Apologies

As above.

2. Oral Evidence QPANI

14.04 The following witnesses joined the meeting:

*Gordon Best, QPANI
Paul Brogan, John McMillen (Contracts) Ltd
Aidan Mullan, White Mountain Quarries*

John Shannon, Patrick Bradley Ltd

The witnesses presented to the Committee in respect of the work of the above. Following the presentation, Members put questions.

14.39 *Mr Lynch left the meeting*

14.41 *Mr Byrne joined the meeting*

14.46 *Witnesses left the meeting.*

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Department for Regional Development regarding the June Monitoring Round.

3. Impact of Budget Cuts on Quarry and Construction Industry

14.46 *The following officials joined the meeting*

Peter May, Permanent Secretary, DRD

Andrew Murray, Deputy Secretary, Transport NI

The officials presented to the Committee in respect of the work of the above. Following the presentation, Members put questions.

14.48 *Mr Lynch re-joined the meeting*

15.23 *Officials left the meeting.*

Agreed: The Committee requested that the Permanent Secretary discuss a potential direction from the Minister to overspend ahead of the outcome of the June Monitoring Round.

4. Oral Evidence QPANI

15.23 *The following witnesses re-joined the meeting:*

Gordon Best, QPANI

Paul Brogan, John McMillen (Contracts) Ltd

Aidan Mullan, White Mountain Quarries

John Shannon, Patrick Bradley Ltd

The witnesses provided further responses to questions from the Committee.

5. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting of the Committee will be Wednesday 9 September 2015 at 10:00am in Room 21, Parliament Buildings.

15.25 *The meeting was adjourned.*

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Mr Trevor Clarke MLA

Chairperson, Committee for Regional Development

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