
Committee Stage: Tuesday 29 June 2021

Northern Ireland (Ministers, Elections and Petitions of Concern) Bill (Committee Stage Decisions)

This document sets out the fate of each clause, schedule, amendment and new clause considered at committee stage. A glossary with key terms can be found at the end of this document.

First and Second Sitings

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Mr Robin Walker

Agreed to

That—

1. the Committee shall (in addition to its first meeting at 9.25 am on Tuesday 29 June) meet—
 - (a) at 2.00 pm on Tuesday 29 June;
 - (b) at 9.25 am and 2.00 pm on Tuesday 6 July;
 - (c) at 11.30 am and 2.00 pm on Thursday 8 July;
2. the Committee shall hear oral evidence in accordance with the following Table:

Date	Time	Witness
Tuesday 29 June	Until no later than 10.30 am	The Committee on the Administration of Justice; Professor Jonathan Tonge, University of Liverpool
Tuesday 29 June	Until no later than 11.25 am	Lilah Howson-Smith
Tuesday 29 June	Until no later than 2.30 pm	Sir Jonathan Stephens
Tuesday 29 June	Until no later than 3.15 pm	Emma Little-Pengelly
Tuesday 29 June	Until no later than 4.00 pm	Mark Durkan

Date	Time	Witness
Tuesday 29 June	Until no later than 4.45 pm	Alan Maskey, Speaker of the Northern Ireland Assembly; Lesley Hogg, Clerk of the Northern Ireland Assembly; Dr Gareth McGrath, Director of Parliamentary Services, Northern Ireland Assembly

3. the proceedings shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at 5.00 pm on Thursday 8 July.

Mr Robin Walker

Agreed to

That, subject to the discretion of the Chair, any written evidence received by the Committee shall be reported to the House for publication.

Mr Robin Walker

Agreed to

That, at this and any subsequent meeting at which oral evidence is to be heard, the Committee shall sit in private until the witnesses are admitted.

The following Witnesses gave oral evidence:

Daniel Holder, Deputy Director, Committee on the Administration of Justice

Professor Jonathan Tonge, Professor of Politics, University of Liverpool

Lilah Howson-Smith, former Special Advisor to Julian Smith at Northern Ireland Office

Sir Jonathan Stephens, former Permanent Secretary, Northern Ireland Office

Emma Little-Pengelly, former Member of Parliament, DUP, and former Special Advisor, Northern Ireland Assembly

Mark Durkan, former Member of Parliament, SDLP, and negotiator of Good Friday Agreement

Alex Maskey, Speaker, Northern Ireland Assembly

Lesley Hogg, Clerk, Northern Ireland Assembly

Dr Garerth McGrath, Director of Parliamentary Services, Northern Ireland Assembly

Adjourned until Tuesday 6 July at 9.25am

Glossary

Added: New Clause agreed without a vote and added to the Bill.

Agreed to: agreed without a vote.

Agreed to on division: agreed following a vote.

Negatived: rejected without a vote.

Negatived on division: rejected following a vote.

Not called: debated in a group of amendments, but not put to a decision.

Not moved: not debated or put to a decision.

Question proposed: debate underway but not concluded.

Withdrawn after debate: moved and debated but then withdrawn, so not put to a decision.

Not selected: not chosen for debate by the Chair.
