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**Chair's Brief for the Meeting of the
Committee for Enterprise, Trade & Investment**

Room 29, Parliament Buildings

From: Jim McManus

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To: Patsy McGlone
Chairperson

cc Conor Murphy
Deputy Chairperson

Meeting Date: 23 February 2016

Meeting Time: 10.00am

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1. **Remind members:** all devices should be switched off and Assembly tablets set to mute.
 2. **Ask members:** to consider the **Clerk's Brief at page 16** regarding Agenda Item 5, DETI Briefing on Innovation Strategy.

Declare the meeting open to the public. Welcome members and the public.

I draw members' attention to a decision made by the Chairperson Liaison Group (CLG) at its meeting Tuesday 16th February 2016. The decision concerns a pilot programme on the use of electronic devices in Committee meetings by journalists and the public. Members will be aware that the

rules prohibit the use of electronic / mobile devices in Committee rooms by both the public and the media. CLG was informed of a recent review of these rules which included a consideration of the approach taken in other legislatures. As a result it has been agreed that a pilot will run until the end of the mandate.

This pilot will assess the viability of allowing the media and the public to use their electronic devices in the public gallery. Some conditions will be applied, namely that the devices are on airplane mode- not on 3/4G- and that no recordings or photographs are taken.

It is not anticipated that problems will occur, however, should Members or staff notice or suspect that a device is being used to record or take photographs, they should bring it to my attention and I will ask for it to stop. Committee staff will monitor any such breaches as part of the pilot. The pilot will help the Assembly determine whether allowing the use of mobile devices in the public gallery would impede the work of the Committees. At the end of the mandate the pilot will be assessed and recommendations made thereof.

Those in the Public Gallery are welcome to use their mobile devices as long as they are in airplane mode and all devices are muted. You are welcome to connect to the Assembly Wi-Fi. Password details are available on the gallery rules. It is not permitted to take photographs or record any of the meeting.

Agenda Item 1 – Apologies

3. **Inform members:** No apologies have been received.
4. **Ask members:** if they have received any apologies.

Agenda Item 2 – Draft Minutes

5. **Inform members:** a copy of the draft minutes of the meeting held on 16th February 2016 is from **page 5** onwards.

Agenda Item 3 – Chairpersons Business

Announcement by Bombardier

6. **Inform Members:** at **page 11** is a copy of correspondence from the Committee for Employment and Learning to the Minister requesting a meeting between both ministers and both committees.
7. **Inform members:** at **page 13** is correspondence from the Committee for Finance and Personnel. That Committee has sought further information on previously reported financial assistance to Bombardier by the Quebec government.
8. **Inform members:** a Ministerial Statement on Bombardier from yesterday's Plenary is at **page 3 of Tabled Papers**.
9. **Ask members:** if they are content to address the issue with the Invest NI representatives at today's briefing.
10. **Ask members:** if they are content to meet both ministers together with the Committee for Employment and Learning.

Tier 2 General Skilled Workers

11. **Inform members:** at **page 10 of Tabled Papers** is a briefing paper from Stop 35K regarding a proposal by the Home Office that Tier 2 general skilled workers who earn less than £35,000 or who have been in the UK for 6 years, will need to leave or be deported.

NOTE TO CHAIR: you may wish to speak on this as you brought it to the attention of the Committee.

Closure of Renewable Heat Incentive Schemes

12. **Inform members:** at **page 12 of Tabled Papers** is a copy of correspondence sent to the Minister from Biomass Energy Northern Ireland.
13. **Ask members:** if they have any comments.
14. **Ask members:** if they are content to note.

Agenda Item 4 – Oral Briefing from Invest NI: Overview of Programmes and Grade A Office Accommodation

15. **Inform members:** at **page 13 of Tabled Papers** is a Departmental response in regards to the Social Entrepreneurship Programme.

NOTE TO CHAIR: papers were not made available for inclusion in packs.

You may wish to ask officials when papers were forwarded by Invest NI to the Department.

16. **Inform members:** briefing the Committee today from Invest NI is:

- Mr Jeremy Fitch, Executive Director, Business Solutions
- Ms Sharon Keenan, Property Manager, Property Solutions
- Mr William McGuinness, Client Manager, Aerospace and Defence

17. **Welcome:** the representatives to the meeting.

Following the briefing:

18. **Thank the representatives:** for their briefing today.

Agenda Item 5 – Oral Briefing from DETI: Innovation Strategy

19. **Inform members:** papers for this item include:

- Clerk's Brief (**page 16**)
- Written brief (**page 19**)

20. **Inform members:** briefing the Committee today from DETI is:

- Mr Diarmuid McLean, Head of Economic Policy Division
- Mr Ciaran McGarrity, Head of Innovation Policy Unit
- Mr Thomas Byrne, Principal Economist, Analytical Services Unit

21. **Welcome:** the officials to the meeting.

Following the briefing:

22. **Thank the officials:** for their briefing today.

Agenda Item 6 – Matters Arising

23. **Inform members:** there are **four** items listed on the Index which is at **page 68** of members' packs. Papers are from **pages 69 to 74**.
24. **Ask members:** if they are content to note the items listed on the Index.

Public Account Committee's Report on The Northern Ireland Events Company

25. **Inform members:** the PAC Report on the NI Events Company was emailed to members yesterday. A copy of the report is also available from the Committee Office.
26. **Remind members:** the report is embargoed until 12.01am tomorrow.

Agenda Item 7 – Written Briefing from Committee Specialist Advisor: Analysis and mapping of the sub-regional performance of the Northern Ireland economy

27. **Inform members:** a briefing note is from **page 76** onwards.
28. **Ask members:** if they have any comments.
29. **Ask members:** if they are content to note.

Agenda Item 8 – Written brief from DETI: Northern Ireland Economic Strategy: Year 3 Annual Monitoring Report

30. **Inform members:** the report is at **page 89**.
31. **Ask members:** if they have any comments.
32. **Ask members:** if they are content to note.

Agenda Item 9 – Written Brief from Assembly Research: Issues Raised by Bell and Company

33. **Inform members:** the research paper is at **page 16 of Tabled Papers**.

34. **Remind members:** the Committee agreed to discuss its approach to dealing with the issue after reviewing the research paper.
35. **Inform members:** the paper states that, according to the Financial Services Register, it is not immediately apparent on what basis Cerberus European Services Ltd and its third party associated company Capita Asset Services (Ireland) Ltd is operating here.
36. **Ask members:** if they have any comments.
37. **Ask members:** if they are content to seek clarification from the Financial Conduct Authority.
38. **Ask members:** if they are content to forward the paper to the Committee for Finance & Personnel and to inform members of the course of action agreed by this Committee.

Agenda Item 10 – Correspondence

39. **Advise members:** there are **seven** items of correspondence on the Index for members to consider. The index is at **page 122** and papers can be found from **pages 123 to 135**.

Committee for Employment and Learning Inquiry into post Special Educational Need (SEN) Provision in education, employment and training for those with Learning Disabilities in Northern Ireland

40. **Ask members:** if they have any comments.
41. **Ask members:** if they are content to note.

Proposed Closure of NIRO to Onshore Wind: Correspondence from William & Henry Alexander (Civil Engineering) Limited

42. **Inform members:** the correspondence is at **page 128**.
43. **Ask members:** if they have any comments.
44. **Ask members:** if they are content to note.

Correspondence from the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change

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45. **Inform members:** the letter is at **page 130**.

46. **Ask members:** if they have any comments.

47. **Ask members:** if they are content to note.

Correspondence from the Irish League of Credit Unions regarding reform of the legacy credit unions sourcebook

48. **Inform members:** the correspondence is at **page 132**, thanking the Committee for its assistance to the ILCU in submitting a formal response to the PRA and FCA. The ILCU is hopeful that the direction of regulatory supervision undertaken by both PRA and FCA will now reflect a more reasoned approach.

49. **Ask members:** if they have any comments.

50. **Ask members:** if they are content to note.

Remaining Items on Index

51. **Ask members:** if they are content to note the remaining items on the index.

Agenda Item 11 - Any Other Business

52. **Inform members:** there are no additional items of business.

53. **Ask members:** if they have any additional items of business.

Agenda Item 12 – Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting

54. **Inform members:** the next Committee meeting will take place on **Tuesday 1st March 2016 at 10am, in Room 29**, Parliament Buildings.