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

Room 29, Parliament Buildings

From: Jim McManus

Committee Clerk, Committee for Enterprise, Trade & Investment

To: Patsy McGlone
Chairperson

cc Conor Murphy
Deputy Chairperson

Meeting Date: 15 March 2016

Meeting Time: 10.00am

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1. **Remind members:** all devices should set to mute.

Declare the meeting open to the public.

2. **Welcome:** members and the public.
3. **Inform those in the Public Gallery:** they are welcome to use their mobile devices as long as they are in airplane mode and all devices are muted. They 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

4. **Inform members:** No apologies have been received.

5. **Ask members:** if they have received any apologies.

Agenda Item 2 – Draft Minutes

6. **Inform members:** a copy of the draft minutes of the meeting held on 8th March 2016 is from **page 5** onwards.

Agenda Item 3 – Chairpersons Business

STEM event to celebrate National Science and Engineering Week

7. **Remind Members:** Members had agreed to drop in to the afternoon session which is to be held today from 1pm to 3pm in Room 54 and Room 55.
8. **Inform members:** further information on the event is at **page 12**.

Briefing by Energy Saving Trust

9. **Inform members:** today's briefing has been cancelled by Energy Saving Trust who advised the Committee Office they are unable to attend due to unforeseen circumstances.

Meeting with NIPSA/ICTU

NOTE TO CHAIR: you may wish to update members on the meeting yesterday with representatives from ICTU/NIPSA

10. **Inform members:** in the course of the meeting representatives mentioned concerns they had in relation to consultation on proposals relating to the Management of Health & Safety at Work Regulations 1999 and that the Department has been informed that it may be raised with the Minister today.

Agenda Item 4 – Oral Briefing from RTÉ: Online Player Services

11. **Inform members:** relevant correspondence is from **page 14** onwards.
12. **Inform members:** briefing the Committee today from Raidió Teilifís Éireann are:

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- Ms Múirne Laffan, Chief Digital Officer
- Ms Lucy Campbell, Director, Digital
- Mr Michael Kennedy, Senior Technical Infrastructure Engineer

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

Following the briefing:

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

Agenda Item 5 – Matters Arising

Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Act 2015

15. **Inform members:** a Departmental response is at **page 29**.

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

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

Funding Bids for InterTradeIreland

18. **Inform members:** a Departmental response is at **page 40**.

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

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

Response from Cerberus

21. **Inform members:** at page 3 of **Tabled Papers** is a response from Cerberus to the Committee's latest request for information.

22. **Ask members:** if they are content to forward any papers from Bell & Co. which have not yet been sent to Cerberus.

NOTE TO CHAIR: the Minister is due to brief the Committee at 11.30am. If the Minister has not yet arrived, you may wish to ask the Committee to agree to move to Agenda Item 8.

Agenda Item 6 – Oral Briefing from the Minister: Renewable Energy Policy

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

- a Clerk's brief (**page 42**)
- a briefing from Action Renewables (**page 46**)
- correspondence to Margaret Ritchie MP from the Minister (**page 4 of Tabled Papers**)

24. **Inform Members:** briefing the Committee today is:

- Jonathan Bell, Minister

25. **Welcome:** the Minister to the meeting and invite him to make an opening statement.

Following the briefing:

26. **Thank the Minister:** for his briefing today.

Agenda Item 7 – Legislation: SR 2016 The Renewables Obligation Closure Order (Northern Ireland) 2016

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

- a cover note (**page 49**)
- the Explanatory Memorandum (**page 50**)
- the SR (**page 54**)
- a Departmental update to stakeholders (**page 63**)

28. **Inform members:** the Rule is subject to **draft affirmative resolution**.

29. **Remind members:** the Committee considered this Rule at SL1 stage at its meeting on 8th March 2016 and by way of a vote supported the Rule. The Rule will come into operation on 1st April 2016.

30. **Inform members:** the Examiner of Statutory Rules has not yet reported on this Rule, so members will be agreeing to the legislation subject to the Examiner of Statutory Rules' report.

NOTE TO CHAIR: if Members are content with the SR please put the following question:

“That the Committee for Enterprise, Trade and Investment has considered SR 2016 The Renewables Obligation Closure Order (Northern Ireland) 2016 and, subject to the Examiner of Statutory Rule’s report, recommends that it be approved by the Assembly.”

NOTE TO CHAIR: if Members are not content with the SR please put the following question:

“that the Committee for Enterprise, Trade and Investment has considered SR 2016 The Renewables Obligation Closure Order (Northern Ireland) 2016 and recommends that it not be approved by the Assembly.”

Agenda Item 8 – Legislation: SR 2016/129 The Electricity (Single Wholesale Market) Order (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016

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

- a cover note (**page 65**)
- the Explanatory Memorandum (**page 66**)
- the SR (**page 68**)

32. **Inform members:** the Rule is subject to **negative resolution**.

33. **Remind members:** the Committee discussed this Rule at SL1 stage at its meeting on 23rd June 2015 and had no comment on the Rule. The Rule will come into operation on 31st March 2016.

34. **Inform members:** the Examiner of Statutory Rules has not yet reported on this Rule, so members will be agreeing to the legislation subject to the Examiner of Statutory Rules' Report.

Note to Chair: if members are content with the SR, please put the following question:

“That the Committee for Enterprise, Trade & Investment has considered the SR 2016/129 The Electricity (Single Wholesale Market) Order (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016 and, subject to the Examiner of Statutory Rules’ report, has no objection to the Rule.”

Agenda Item 9 – Written Briefing from DETI: Export Matters – Enabling the Conditions for Increasing External Sales and Exports in Northern Ireland

35. **Inform members:** papers are from **page 72** onwards.

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

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

Agenda Item 10 - Consultation: Proposals for the Health and Safety (First Aid) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016

38. **Inform members:** the consultative document is at **page 113**.

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

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

Agenda Item 11 – Consultation: Proposals for the Freight Containers (Safety Convention) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016

41. **Inform members:** the consultative document is at **page 158**.

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

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

Agenda Item 12 – Consultation Proposals for New Equipment and protective Systems Intended for Use in Potentially Explosive Atmospheres Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016 to Implement Directive 2014/34/EU (The ATEX Directive)

44. **Inform members:** papers are from **page 211** onwards.

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

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

Agenda Item 13 – Draft End of Mandate (Legacy) Report

47. **Inform members:** papers include:

- a Clerk's Brief (**page 314**)
- the draft report (**page 315**)

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

49. **Ask members:** if they agree that the Clerk may add the factual text outlining the Committee's decision in respect of the Renewables Obligation Closure Order.

50. **Ask members:** if they agree the report.

51. **Inform members:** the report will be published on the Committee's web pages on 24th March 2016.

Agenda Item 14 – Correspondence

CBI Report: Success through Smart Choices

52. **Inform Members:** the report is at **page 347**.

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

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

Departmental Response to the Committee for the Environment

55. **Inform member:** the correspondence is at **page 6 of Tabled Papers**.

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

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

Agenda Item 15 - Any Other Business

58. **Ask members:** there are no additional items of business.

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Agenda Item 16 – Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting

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60. **Inform members:** the date of the first meeting of the incoming Committee will be advised in the next mandate.