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Members present for all or part of the proceedings:

Mr Thomas Buchanan (Deputy Chairperson)

Mr Gerard Diver

Mr Phil Flanagan

Ms Anna Lo

Mr Fra McCann

Ms Bronwyn McGahan

The Deputy Chairperson (Mr Buchanan): You will find the draft report at page 115; the Employment Bill, as introduced, at page 166; and, at page 193, the explanatory and financial memorandum, as introduced. The Committee has completed its scrutiny of the Bill and, last week, formally considered the clauses. A draft report of the Bill, including the issues raised by the Committee and stakeholders, is in the pack for members' consideration. The purpose of today's consideration is to agree the text of the body of the report. The body of the text is on pages 115 to 165. We will proceed through the report section by section, asking if you are content with the report. We will go through it, bit by bit, using page numbers.

Page 3 of the report deals with the remit, powers and membership. Are members content with that section of the report, as drafted?

Members indicated assent.

The Deputy Chairperson (Mr Buchanan): Page 5 deals with the list of abbreviations. Are members content with that, as drafted?

Members indicated assent.

The Deputy Chairperson (Mr Buchanan): Are members content with page 6, as drafted?

Members indicated assent.

The Deputy Chairperson (Mr Buchanan): Pages 7 and 8 deal with the executive summary. Are members content?

Members indicated assent.

The Deputy Chairperson (Mr Buchanan): Pages 9 and 10 deal with the introduction. Are members content?

Members indicated assent.

The Deputy Chairperson (Mr Buchanan): Pages 11 to 22 deal with the consideration of the Bill. Are members content with that, as drafted?

Members indicated assent.

The Deputy Chairperson (Mr Buchanan): Pages 22 to 34 deal with the consideration of the key issues. Are members content with that, as drafted?

Members indicated assent.

The Deputy Chairperson (Mr Buchanan): Pages 35 to 44 deal with the clause-by-clause consideration of the Bill. Are members content with that, as drafted?

Members indicated assent.

The Deputy Chairperson (Mr Buchanan): Are members content that extracts of the minutes of proceedings are at appendix 1, on page 46?

Members indicated assent.

The Deputy Chairperson (Mr Buchanan): Are members content that the Minutes of Evidence are at appendix 2, on pages 47 and 48?

Members indicated assent.

The Deputy Chairperson (Mr Buchanan): Are members content that the written submissions are at appendix 3, on page 49?

Members indicated assent.

The Deputy Chairperson (Mr Buchanan): Are members content that the list of witnesses is at appendix 4, on page 50? Are members content to include the departmental responses?

Members indicated assent.

The Deputy Chairperson (Mr Buchanan): Are members content that extract of the minutes of today's meeting is signed off for inclusion in the report?

Members indicated assent.

The Deputy Chairperson (Mr Buchanan): Are members content to order the report on the Employment Bill (NIA Bill 73/11-16) to be printed?

Members indicated assent.

The Deputy Chairperson (Mr Buchanan): Are members content that an electronic copy of the Bill report be provided to all organisations that provided evidence to the Committee on the Bill?

Members indicated assent.