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Members present for all or part of the proceedings:

Mr William Irwin (Chairperson)
Mr Seán Rogers (Deputy Chairperson)
Mr Declan McAleer
Mr Oliver McMullan
Mr Ian Milne
Mr Edwin Poots

The Chairperson (Mr Irwin): We will now consider the final draft report on the Rural Needs Bill. I will take members through each section and seek agreement or otherwise. The main body of the report is at pages 29 to 51.

I refer members to the introduction at pages 31 and 32. Are members content with the introduction?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Mr Irwin): I refer members to the section on the Committee consideration of the Bill.

We will now deal with the paragraphs on the background to the Bill. Are members content with paragraphs 18 and 19?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Mr Irwin): We will now deal with the paragraphs on the inclusion of named public bodies in the Bill. Are members content with paragraph 20?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Mr Irwin): Are members content with paragraph 21?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Mr Irwin): Are members content with paragraph 22?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Mr Irwin): Are members content with paragraph 23?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Mr Irwin): Are members content with paragraph 24?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Mr Irwin): Are members content with paragraph 25?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Mr Irwin): Are members content with paragraph 26?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Mr Irwin): Are members content with paragraph 27?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Mr Irwin): Are members content with paragraph 28?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Mr Irwin): Are members content with paragraph 29?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Mr Irwin): Are members content with paragraph 30?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Mr Irwin): Are members content with paragraph 31?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Mr Irwin): We will now deal with the paragraphs on the strengthening of the statutory duty in clause 1. Are members content with paragraph 32?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Mr Irwin): Are members content with paragraph 33?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Mr Irwin): Are members content with paragraph 34?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Mr Irwin): Are members content with paragraph 35?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Mr Irwin): Are members content with paragraph 36?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Mr Irwin): Are members content with paragraph 37?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Mr Irwin): Are members content with paragraph 38?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Mr Irwin): Are members content with paragraph 39?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Mr Irwin): Are members content with paragraph 40?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Mr Irwin): Are members content with paragraph 41?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Mr Irwin): Are members content with paragraph 42?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Mr Irwin): Are members content with paragraph 43?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Mr Irwin): We will now deal with the paragraphs on the transparency and accountability of the reporting arrangements in clause 3. Are members content with paragraph 44?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Mr Irwin): Are members content with paragraph 45?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Mr Irwin): Are members content with paragraph 46?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Mr Irwin): Are members content with paragraph 47?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Mr Irwin): Are members content with paragraph 48?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Mr Irwin): Are members content with paragraph 49?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Mr Irwin): Are members content with paragraph 50?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Mr Irwin): Are members content with paragraph 51?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Mr Irwin): We will now deal with the paragraphs on DARD's role in providing guidance, advice and information.

Are members content with paragraph 52?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Mr Irwin): Are members content with paragraph 53?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Mr Irwin): Are members content with paragraph 54?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Mr Irwin): Are members content with paragraph 55?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Mr Irwin): Are members content with paragraph 56?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Mr Irwin): Are members content with paragraph 57?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Mr Irwin): Are members content with paragraph 58?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Mr Irwin): We will now deal with the paragraphs on the need to clarify the definitions and terminology used in the Bill.

Are members content with paragraph 59?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Mr Irwin): Are members content with paragraph 60?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Mr Irwin): Are members content with paragraph 61?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Mr Irwin): Are members content with paragraph 62?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Mr Irwin): Are members content with paragraph 63?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Mr Irwin): Are members content with paragraph 64?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Mr Irwin): Are members content with paragraph 65?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Mr Irwin): Are members content with paragraph 66?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Mr Irwin): We will now deal with the paragraphs on non-compliance, sanctions and enforcement. Are members content with paragraph 67?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Mr Irwin): Are members content with paragraph 68?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Mr Irwin): Are members content with paragraph 69?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Mr Irwin): Are members content with paragraph 70?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Mr Irwin): Are members content with paragraph 71?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Mr Irwin): Are members content with paragraph 72?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Mr Irwin): Are members content with paragraph 73?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Mr Irwin): I refer members to the Committee clause-by-clause consideration at pages 49 to 51. If members are content, we will go through that page by page. Are members content with page 49?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Mr Irwin): Are members content with page 50?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Mr Irwin): Are members content with page 51?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Mr Irwin): We will now consider appendices 1 to 6. The content of each appendix has not been included, but there is a list of what they will contain.

Are members content with appendix 1, "Minutes of Proceedings"?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Mr Irwin): Are members content with appendix 2, "Minutes of Evidence"?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Mr Irwin): Are members content with appendix 3, "Written submissions"?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Mr Irwin): Are members content with appendix 4, "Memoranda and Papers from the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development"?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Mr Irwin): Are members content with appendix 5, "Research Papers"?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Mr Irwin): Are members content with appendix 6, "Other Papers"?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Mr Irwin): Now that we have considered the report, we will look at the executive summary. Are members content with paragraph 1?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Mr Irwin): Are members content with paragraph 2?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Mr Irwin): Are members content with paragraph 3?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Mr Irwin): Are members content with paragraph 4?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Mr Irwin): Are members content with paragraph 5?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Mr Irwin): Are members content with paragraph 6?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Mr Irwin): That concludes our consideration of the report. It will be brought back to the Committee next week for its final sign-off and order to print.