



Ad Hoc Joint Committee on the Mental Capacity Bill

OFFICIAL REPORT (Hansard)

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Members present for all or part of the proceedings:

Mr Alastair Ross (Chairperson)

Mrs Pam Cameron

Mrs Jo-Anne Dobson

Mr Paul Frew

Mr Danny Kennedy

Mr Seán Lynch

Mr Kieran McCarthy

Ms Rosaleen McCorley

The Chairperson (Mr Ross): We will now formally consider the draft of the Committee's report, and agreement will be sought on each of the sections. If members are content, I will put the Question that the title page, the table of contents, "Membership and Powers" and the "List of abbreviations" stand part of the Committee report.

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Mr Ross): Thank you. Are members content that the "Executive Summary" stand part of the report?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Mr Ross): Thank you. Are members content that the "Introduction" stand part of the report?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Mr Ross): Thank you. Are members content that the "Consideration of the Bill" section stand part?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Mr Ross): Are members content that the "Clause by Clause Consideration" section stand part of the report?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Mr Ross): Are members content that the appendices stand part of the report?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Mr Ross): The minutes of today's meeting have to be approved by me in order to be included in the report. I suspect that this will be straightforward. Are members happy enough?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Mr Ross): Are members happy enough that the Committee staff can make any formatting changes necessary in advance of electronic publication?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Mr Ross): We come to the printing of the report. Are we content that the report on the Mental Capacity Bill be printed? Is it printed or just published? It is published online.

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Mr Ross): Are members content that an electronic copy of the report be sent to all organisations and individuals who provided evidence to the Committee and to the Health and Justice Departments?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Mr Ross): Any other business? No? Excellent. Thank you all very much. It has been a long process and a very complicated Bill and has been quite time-consuming, particularly when it interferes with other stuff on a Monday. I thank all the members who committed to coming along every Monday. I think that we have improved the Bill, although whether it goes anywhere is out of our hands, I suspect. Once again, I thank everyone for their contribution.