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Members present for all or part of the proceedings:

Mr William Irwin (Chairperson)
Mr Sydney Anderson
Mrs Jo-Anne Dobson
Mr Declan McAleer
Mr Kieran McCarthy
Mr Oliver McMullan
Mr Robin Swann

The Chairperson (Mr Irwin): As members may recall, at our meeting of 26 January 2016, the Committee agreed that clauses 1 to 5 and clauses 7 to 18 should not stand part of the Bill. The Committee also agreed its report on the Fisheries Bill at the following week's meeting. I can confirm that the notices of intent were tabled with the Bill Office last Thursday, 11 February 2016.

I refer members to papers provided by the Department at pages 23 to 26. This correspondence indicates that the Minister has tabled the amendments. The current notice of amendments is showing the notices of intent that clauses 1 to 5 and clauses 7 to 18 should not stand part of the Bill in the name of the Committee and the Minister. The Minister has also tabled three amendments to clause 6. I advise members that those three amendments are technical in nature.

The consolidated version of section 30 of the Fisheries Act 1981 is in your pack at pages 27 and 28. The draft technical amendments are shown in blue on page 28. However, I remind members that the Committee's scrutiny of the Bill has been completed, and it will be up to members to decide how they wish to vote on the technical amendments. A DARD official is available in the Public Gallery and can come to the table if any member has any questions. Does any member have any questions on the amendments? No? OK, that is very good. All right, John.

I advise members that the Consideration Stage of the Fisheries Bill is scheduled for Tuesday 23 February 2016. The current indicative timings suggest that the debate will take place in the morning, but if this changes it will affect our Committee meeting that afternoon.