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Members present for all or part of the proceedings:

Mr Paul Givan (Chairperson)
Ms Linda Dillon (Deputy Chairperson)
Ms Sinéad Bradley
Ms Jemma Dolan
Mr Paul Frew
Miss Rachel Woods

The Chairperson (Mr Givan): Following the informal deliberations of the Bill's clauses that took place on 22 April, the Committee agreed that it would not be tabling any amendments to the Bill and that it was content with the Bill as drafted. Officials have also confirmed that the Department does not intend to propose any amendments to the Bill.

The Committee will now undertake its formal clause-by-clause consideration. I will go through the Bill's clauses and schedule and will put the Questions formally. Members, it should be straightforward — famous last words — given the positions that we all have on it. I need to go through it formally.

Question, That the Committee is content with clause 1, put and agreed to.

Question, That the Committee is content with clause 2, put and agreed to.

Question, That the Committee is content with clause 3, put and agreed to.

Question, That the Committee is content with clause 4, put and agreed to.

Schedule

The Chairperson (Mr Givan): I will put the Question on the schedule before I put the Question on clause 5, as clause 5 covers the commencement of the clauses and the schedule.

Question, That the Committee is content with the schedule, put and agreed to.

Question, That the Committee is content with clause 5, put and agreed to.

Question, That the Committee is content with clause 6, put and agreed to.

Question, That the Committee is content with the long title, put and agreed to.

The Chairperson (Mr Givan): OK, members. Thank you for going through that. The draft report on the Bill is being prepared and will be circulated to members for consideration before the end of May. Once we have the draft report, that will allow us to close off the consideration process.

Thank you, members. I also thank the Committee staff for their work.