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Members present for all or part of the proceedings:

Ms Paula Bradley (Chairperson)
Ms Kellie Armstrong (Deputy Chairperson)
Mr Andy Allen
Mr Paul Frew
Ms Áine Murphy
Miss Aisling Reilly

The Chairperson (Ms P Bradley): The sole purpose of the meeting is to consider our draft report on the Betting, Gaming, Lotteries and Amusements (Amendment) Bill. You have all been provided with a copy of the draft report. We will focus on the text of the report only. The Committee team will address any formatting issues once the text is agreed. I will ask for comments and agreement on each section of the report.

We start with "Powers and Membership". Do members have any comments or are they content with that section, as drafted? *[Pause.]* Was there a "content"?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Ms P Bradley): Thank you very much. Do not forget that I need to hear you.

We move on to "Executive Summary". Do members have any comments or are they content with that section, as drafted?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Ms P Bradley): Thank you.

We move on to "Introduction". Do members have any comments or are they content with that section, as drafted?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Ms P Bradley): Thank you.

We move on to "Committee Recommendations and Consideration of Wider Issues". Do members have any comments or are they content with that section, as drafted?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Ms P Bradley): Thank you.

We move on to "Consideration of the Bill". Do members have any comments or are they content with that section, as drafted?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Ms P Bradley): OK.

We move on to "Committee Deliberations on the Bill". Do members have any comments or are they content with that section, as drafted? *[Pause.]* Content, folks?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Ms P Bradley): OK; thank you.

We move on to "Clause by clause Scrutiny of the Bill". Do members have any comments or are they content with that section, as drafted? *[Pause.]* Somebody, please tell me that they are content.

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Ms P Bradley): Thank you; OK.

We move on to "Appendices". Do members have any comments or are they content with that section, as drafted?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Ms P Bradley): Good stuff; thank you.

We move on to "Minutes". Are members content for the minutes of today's meeting to be included in the report?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Ms P Bradley): Thank you very much; OK.

Are members content to agree that the report is final, pending the tidying up of formatting issues or any minor spelling or grammar errors that are noticed during the formatting check, and that, once those are done, the report can be printed?

Members indicated assent.

The Chairperson (Ms P Bradley): All right, members. That concludes the Committee Stage of the Betting, Gaming, Lotteries and Amusements (Amendment) Bill. I thank you all for your in-depth scrutiny of the Bill. The Committee would like to put on record its thanks to all those who made submissions and gave oral evidence. I also thank the departmental officials and our Assembly Bill Office officials for their hard work in helping us to work our way through the Bill. I look forward to the debate at Consideration Stage.