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**Members present for all or part of the proceedings:**

Mr Chris Lyttle (Chairperson)  
Mr Pat Sheehan (Deputy Chairperson)  
Ms Nicola Brogan  
Mr Justin McNulty  
Mr Robin Newton

**The Chairperson (Mr Lyttle):** I welcome everyone to this meeting of the Education Committee to consider formally, clause by clause, the Period Products (Free Provision) Bill.

***Clause 1 (Provision of free period products: Department scheme)***

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

**Mr Newton:** Noted, Chair.

***Clause 2 (Provision of free period products: public service bodies)***

**The Chairperson (Mr Lyttle):** Amendments A, B, C, D and E have been proposed to clause 2.

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

**Mr Newton:** Noted, Chair.

*Question, That the Committee is content with the clause, subject to the proposed amendments, put and agreed to.*

**Mr Newton:** Noted, Chair.

***Clause 3 (Arrangements under sections 1 and 2: particular requirements)***

**The Chairperson (Mr Lyttle):** Amendment Nos 1, 2 and 3 and amendment F have been proposed to clause 3.

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

**Mr Newton:** Noted, Chair.

*Question, That the Committee is content with the clause, subject to the proposed amendments, put and agreed to.*

**Mr Newton:** Noted, Chair.

**Clause 4 (Guidance)**

**The Chairperson (Mr Lyttle):** Amendment G has been proposed to clause 4.

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

**Mr Newton:** Noted, Chair.

*Question, That the Committee is content with the clause, subject to the proposed amendment, put and agreed to.*

**Mr Newton:** Noted, Chair.

**Clause 5 (Statement on arrangements)**

**The Chairperson (Mr Lyttle):** Amendment No 4 has been proposed to clause 5.

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

**Mr Newton:** Noted, Chair.

*Question, That the Committee is content with the clause, subject to the proposed amendment, put and agreed to.*

**Mr Newton:** Noted, Chair.

**Clause 6 (Duty to publish information)**

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

**Mr Newton:** Noted, Chair.

**Clause 7 (Key definitions)**

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

**Mr Newton:** Noted, Chair.

**Clause 8 (Interpretation)**

**The Chairperson (Mr Lyttle):** Amendment H has been proposed to clause 8.

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

**Mr Newton:** Noted, Chair.

**The Chairperson (Mr Lyttle):** Thank you.

*Question, That the Committee is content with the clause, subject to the proposed amendment, put and agreed to.*

**Mr Newton:** Noted, Chair.

**Clause 9 (Commencement)**

**The Chairperson (Mr Lyttle):** Amendment I has been proposed to clause 9.

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

**Mr Newton:** Noted, Chair.

*Question, That the Committee is content with the clause, subject to the proposed amendment, put and agreed to.*

**Mr Newton:** Noted, Chair.

*Question, That the Committee is content with clause 10, put and agreed to.*

**Mr McNulty:** Consensus at last.

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

**Mr Newton:** Further consensus, Chair.

**The Chairperson (Mr Lyttle):** Thank you, members. I think, Clerk, that that brings us to the end of the formal clause-by-clause process. Are any other actions required?

**The Committee Clerk:** Chair, the only outstanding thing is the correspondence that came in on Friday from DFE. Do members want to respond to that or reprise any of those questions in correspondence?

**The Chairperson (Mr Lyttle):** I think that we are content for the contents of the correspondence from the Department for the Economy to be reflected in the Committee report. Are members agreed?

*Members indicated assent.*