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# Northern Ireland Assembly

Tuesday 31 May 2016

*The Assembly met at 10.30 am (Mr Speaker in the Chair).*

*Members observed two minutes' silence.*

## Assembly Business

### Committee Membership

**Mr Speaker:** I wish to inform the House that I have received the resignation of Mr Declan Kearney as Deputy Chairperson of the Committee for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs. The nominating officer of Sinn Féin, Mr Martin McGuinness, has nominated Ms Caoimhe Archibald to fill the vacancy, with effect from 27 May 2016.

I have also received the resignation of Mrs Sandra Overend as Deputy Chairperson of the Committee for the Executive Office. The nominating officer of the Ulster Unionist Party, Mr Mike Nesbitt, has nominated Mr Danny Kennedy to fill the vacancy, with effect from 27 May 2016.

I have also received the resignation of Mr Trevor Lunn as Deputy Chairperson of the Audit Committee. The nominating officer of the Alliance Party, Mr David Ford, has nominated Ms Kellie Armstrong to fill the vacancy, with effect from 27 May 2016.

### Standing Order 20(1)

**Mr Speaker:** Before we proceed to the Question, I remind Members that the motion requires cross-community support.

*Resolved:*

*That Standing Order 20(1) be suspended for 31 May 2016. — [Mr Swann.]*

### Committee Membership

**Mr Speaker:** As with similar motions on Committee membership, the motion will be treated as a business motion, and there will be no debate.

*Resolved:*

*That Mr Gordon Lyons replace Mr Peter Weir as a member of the Business Committee. — [Mr Clarke.]*

### Assembly Commission

**Mr Speaker:** As with similar motions, this will be treated as a business motion and there will be no debate. I remind Members that Standing Orders require that such a motion should be approved with cross-community support.

*Resolved (with cross-community support):*

*That, in accordance with Standing Order 79, the following shall be appointed to be members of the Assembly Commission:*

*The Speaker (ex officio);*

*Mr Jim Wells;*

*Mr Alex Maskey;*

*Mr Ross Hussey;*

*Mr Alex Attwood; and*

*Mr Stewart Dickson. — [Mr Swann.]*

## **Statutory Committees: Membership**

*Resolved:*

*That, in accordance with Standing Order 49(3), the membership of the Statutory Committees as detailed in [NIA 1/16-21] be approved. — [Mr Swann.]*

## **Standing Committees: Membership**

*Resolved:*

*That, in accordance with Standing Order 52(3), the membership of the Standing Committees as detailed in [NIA 2/16-21] be approved. — [Mr Swann.]*

*Adjourned at 10.37 am.*

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