



**BRITISH IRISH PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
SESSION XL11**

1. Monday 13 June 2011.

The sitting was opened in public at 9.40 a.m. in the Rochestown Park Hotel, Douglas, Cork, with Lord Cope in the Chair

The Chairman announced that a new delegation of Irish Members had been appointed following the Irish General Election. The Chairman announced that Joe McHugh TD had been appointed Irish Co-Chair and welcomed him to the Assembly.

The Chairman announced that, pursuant to Rule 2(a) the following Associate Members had accepted the invitation of the Steering Committee to assume the powers and responsibilities of Members for all of the session: the UK, Viscount Bridgeman, Lord German, Baroness O'Loan, and Jim Sheridan MP.

Mr Joe McHugh TD took the Chair

1. ADOPTION OF PROPOSED PROGRAMME OF BUSINESS

Ordered, That the proposed Programme of Business for the current Session, as amended, be approved.—(**The Chair.**)

2. ADDRESS BY THE MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE, FOOD MARINE

The Minister for Agriculture, Food and Marine, Mr. Simon Coveney TD., addressed the Assembly and answered questions from the floor.

3. ADDRESS BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF ENTERPRISE IRELAND.

The Chief Executive Officer of Enterprise Ireland, Mr. Frank Ryan addressed the Assembly on the subject Trade, Employment and the Economy, and answered questions from the floor.

4. EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY

The Assembly recorded an expression of sympathy on the recent deaths of former Taoiseach Garret Fitzgerald and Brian Lenihan TD.

5. ADDRESS BY AN TAOISEACH ENDA KENNY TD.

An Taoiseach, Enda Kenny TD addressed the Assembly on the subject of the Economy, and answered questions from the floor.

The sitting suspended at 12.50pm

The sitting resumed at 3:10pm



6. MURDER OF PSNI OFFICER RONAN KERR

Resolved, That the Assembly:

condemns unequivocally and outright the recent murder of PSNI Officer Ronan Kerr in Omagh and urges that those responsible are brought to justice;

extends its deepest sympathies to PC Kerr's family, friends and colleagues;

asserts that those responsible for this cowardly atrocity have no mandate to act in the name of the people of Ireland;

remains steadfast in its support for the Police Service of Northern Ireland and the Garda Síochána to tackle and overcome the scourge of terrorism;

offers its full support to the Irish and British Governments, the First and Deputy First Minister of Northern Ireland, the members of the Northern Ireland Executive and Assembly, to oppose any violent attempts to undermine the peace process.

(The Steering Committee)

7. ADDRESS BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF TOURISM IRELAND

The Chief Executive of Tourism Ireland, Mr. Niall Gibbons addressed the Assembly and answered questions from the floor.

The sitting suspended at 4.49pm, until tomorrow.

The sitting resumed on Tuesday 14 June at 10.07am

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Robert Walter MP., made a statement on the work of Committee B

Mr. Frank Feighan TD., made a statement on the work of Committee A

Mr. Jack Wall TD., made a statement on the work of Committee C

Lord Dubs made a statement on the work of Committee D

9. GOVERNMENT REPLIES TO REPORTS.

Resolved, that the Assembly take note of responses Documents 179 – 184. **(The Chair)**

10. ADDRESS BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE BRITISH IRISH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Chief Executive Officer of the British Irish Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Peter Byrne addressed the Assembly and answered questions from the floor.



11. ADDRESS BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL ASSET MANAGEMENT AGENCY

The Chairman of the National Asset Management Agency, Mr. Frank Daly addressed the Assembly and answered questions from the floor

12. Adjournment

Resolved, that the Assembly do now adjourn. **(Paul Murphy MP)**

The session concluded at 12.47pm

**PAUL KELLY
ALDA BARRY**

CLERKS TO THE ASSEMBLY

16TH JUNE 2011.