

NORTHERN IRELAND FORUM FOR POLITICAL DIALOGUE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

THURSDAY 2 APRIL 1998 AT 10.00 AM

IN ROOM 50, INTERPOINT

Present: Mr J Gorman - Chairman
Mr D Bleakley (representing Mr H Casey)
Mr R Coulter
Mr S Gardiner
Mr M Morrow
Mr St C McAlister

In attendance: Mr N Carson
Miss A Moore

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF 26 MARCH 1998

Use of the Forum: a reply from the Secretary of State was circulated to members. It was agreed there was no need to pursue the request for a meeting.

3. FORUM BUSINESS FOR 3 APRIL 1998

Confirmed: Presentation of a Report by Standing Committee E on Transport in Rural Areas.

Presentation of a Report from the Electoral Reform Committee on the Government's Review of the Electoral System for Parliamentary Elections.

Presentation of a Report from Standing Committee D on Organophosphorous.

Statement on behalf of Standing Committee E on Economic Issues to be put to the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Adjournment Debate.

It was agreed the first 2 items would take up the morning session with the remaining items in the afternoon.

4. **FORUM AGENDA FOR 10 APRIL 1998**

Agreed: Presentation of a Report by Standing Committee D covering Young People into Farming, Agenda 2000 and Early Retirement.

Debate on a motion to be supplied by the UUP.

Debate on a DUP motion taking note of Monitoring Report No 8 from the Fair Employment Commission.

It was noted the Report from Standing Committee D may be delayed until 17 April.

5. **PROVISIONAL FORUM AGENDA FOR 17 APRIL 1998**

The Agenda items for 17 April will be discussed at the next meeting.

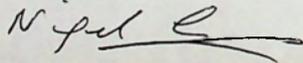
6. **FINAL MEETING OF THE FORUM**

Mr McAlister reported that Standing Committee E would like to take the opportunity during the final meeting of the Forum to comment on its work. Agreed.

The Chairman informed the Committee that if the Forum continues until 29 May it is his hope to announce the 4 recipients of the Gow Scholarship on that day.

7. **LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE : 24 MARCH 1998**

A reply from the Secretary of State to the request that the Forum relocates to Parliament Buildings was circulated. The Committee agreed no further action should be taken.



NIGEL CARSON
Forum Secretary