

Northern Ireland Assembly News – September 2021

Executive Committee Business

[Second Stage of the Climate Change \(No. 2 Bill\)](#). The AERA Minister introduced the Second Stage of the No.2 Bill. Following conclusion of the debate on the Bill, it was referred to the Committee for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs for scrutiny.

Assembly Business

[Legislative Consent Motion: Environment Bill](#) – Members resolved: *That this Assembly endorses the principle of the extension to Northern Ireland of the provisions of the Environment Bill as brought to the House of Lords on 26 May 2021.*

Private Members Business

[Small-Scale Green Energy Bill: Second Stage](#). Mr O'Dowd sought and gained approval for the Second Stage of his Bill. The Bill's objectives are to place a requirement on major electricity providers and suppliers to provide an obligatory minimum price tariff for exporting micro-generated renewable power into the grid; for the Minister for the Economy to establish a small-scale green energy micro-generation scheme; and to provide the Minister with the power to determine what providers are eligible for the scheme. The Bill stands referred to the Committee for the Economy for scrutiny.

Answers to Written Questions

Minister of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs

[Scientific Evidence for Policy of Culling Badgers](#)

[Incentivising Farmers to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions](#)

[Departmental Action to Regulate the Use of Jet Skis to Ensure Marine Animal Safety](#)

[Why Bovine TB reactors are, in some cases, left on farms for weeks before slaughter](#)

[Cross-border working in relation to freshwater pollution controls](#)

[Deterioration in water quality - assessment of effectiveness of nitrates and phosphates regulations](#)

Minister for Communities

[Fuel Poverty and Vulnerable Households](#)

Minister for the Economy

[Update - Delivery of moratorium on licensing for exploration for and extraction of hydrocarbons, as agreed by the Assembly](#)

[Assessment of community energy projects in Northern Ireland](#)

Minister of Finance

[Potential Impact of Climate Change on Northern Ireland's Budget](#)

[Community Renewal Fund](#)

Minister for Infrastructure

[Departmental Guidance on the Scope of Permitted Development Rights for Local Councils](#)

[Further protection for trees in Areas of Townscape Character](#)

[Adequate diesel emission testing during vehicle tests](#)

[Capacity in water and sewerage network for new development proposals](#)

Oral Answers to Questions

Minister of Agriculture, Environment & Rural Affairs

[Wildlife: Impact of Development](#)

[Islandmagee Gas Storage Project \(Question 2\)](#)

[Independent Environmental Protection Agency \(Question 3\)](#)

[Climate and Ecological Emergency \(Question 4\)](#)

[Badger Cull \(Topical Question 3\)](#)

Minister of Finance

[PEACE Plus - Update](#)

Assembly Committee Meetings September 2021

COMMITTEE	DATE	AGENDA
AERA	9 September Watch Again	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oral Briefings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Climate Change No.1 Bill – Evidence from Federation of Small Businesses ○ Climate Change No.1 Bill – RaISE oral briefing – Biogenic Methane ○ Oral Evidence from DAERA – Kesh Fish Kill
	16 September Watch Again	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NILGA and CIWM - Evidence on the Climate Change No.1 Bill
	23 September Watch Again	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oral evidence from the Environmental Justice Network and Professor Kevin O'Connor UCD on the Climate Change No.1 Bill
	30 September Watch Again	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oral evidence from DAERA on the Proposals for October Monitoring Rounds. • The Committee held an Informal Deliberation on the Climate Change No.1 Bill
Communities	9 September Watch Again	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Briefing by RaISe on the Charities Bill • Briefing by Joseph Rowntree Foundation on the Post Covid-19 recovery
	16 September Watch Again	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Briefing by Joseph Rowntree Foundation on the Post Covid-19 Recovery
Economy	22 September Watch Again	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Briefing from University of Exeter Academics on Energy Governance for Northern Ireland
	29 September Watch Again	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Briefing from the Department for the Economy on October Monitoring Round and the Energy Strategy • Briefing from the Minister on the Economic Recovery Action Plan
Executive Office	15 September Watch Again	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Briefing from Clare Bailey on the Climate Change Bill
Infrastructure	22 September Watch Again	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee discussion on the Committee Inquiry into the Decarbonisation of Road Transport in NI
Public Accounts Committee	16 September Watch Again	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration of revised Ministerial Direction from DAERA • Review and agree the publication date of our inquiry into 'Generating Electricity from Renewable Energy'

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