

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL REVIEW  
PANEL AT 12NOON ON THURSDAY 2 APRIL 2015  
IN ROOM 241 PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS**

**Present:** Mr Pat McCartan, Chairperson  
Dr Etta Campbell

**Apologies:** Mr Alan McQuillan

**In attendance:** Mrs Cathy McGowan and Ms Marion Johnson

**1. APOLOGIES**

An apology from Mr McQuillan was noted for the meeting.

**2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

The Chairperson informed the Panel that he had been appointed as the Chairperson of the Police Pensions Board.

**3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS IFRP MEETING**

The Panel agreed to consider all outstanding minutes at their next meeting.

**4. MATTERS ARISING**

**4.1 Consultation on the 'Employment of Assembly Members Staff'**

The Panel noted the initial breakdown of responses received following the closure of the consultation.

**4.2 Consultation on 'Prior Disclosure'**

The Panel noted the initial breakdown of responses received following the closure of the consultation.

**4.3 Consultation on 'Members' Salaries and Office Holder Allowances**

The Panel noted the responses received to date in relation to the consultation on Members' salaries and office holder allowances.

**4.4 Issues arising from the Liaison meeting with Secretariat**

It was agreed that Mrs McGowan would ensure that agreed actions were progressed and provide an update to the next Panel meeting.

**4.5 Update on Meeting with IPSA and Oireachtas Officials – 20 March 2015**

The Chairperson provided an update on recent meetings between himself, Assembly officials and officials from IPSA and the Oireachtas.

**5. PENSIONS UPDATE**

The Panel noted the update provided by Mrs Anderson and agreed that Mrs Anderson and Mr Stewart should be invited to the next IFRP meeting to provide a verbal update on progress achieved.

**6. PREPARATION FOR 2016 DETERMINATION**

The Panel noted the initial drafting instructions and correspondence with draftsperson in relation to the 2016 Determination. It was further agreed that Mr J McMillen would be invited to the next meeting to provide a verbal update.

**7. CONSULTATION ON MEMBERS' TRAVEL AND OFFICE COST EXPENDITURE**

The Panel considered the available research to inform the consultation exercise on Members' travel and office cost expenditure. It was agreed that a draft consultation document would be considered at the next meeting.

**9. CORRESPONDENCE**

The Panel noted the correspondence received from their last meeting.

**10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**10.1 Questions for Written Answer by the Assembly Commission**

The Panel noted the responses provided to AQW44001 and AQW44002.

**11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was agreed that IFRP would hold their next meeting on Thursday 23 April 2015 at 10.00am in Room 241.

*The meeting ended at 1.05pm*