

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD AT PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS, STORMONT, ON TUESDAY  
8 JANUARY 1974, AT 11.00 AM

PRESENT: Mr Faulkner (Chief Minister)  
Mr Fitt (Deputy Chief Minister)  
Mr Napier (Law Reform)  
Mr Baxter (Information)  
Mr Bradford (The Environment)  
Mr Currie (Housing, Local Government and Planning)  
Mr Devlin (Health and Social Services)  
Mr Hume (Commerce)  
Mr Kirk (Finance)  
Mr McIvor (Education)  
Mr Morrell (Agriculture)  
Mr I Cooper (Community Relations)  
Mr R Cooper (Manpower)  
Mr McGrady (Co-ordination)  
Major Hall-Thompson (Chief Whip)

Mr Bloomfield )  
Mr Sythes ) Secretariat

A G E N D A

1. Political Situation
2. Vote of Confidence Debate
3. Standing Orders and Seating
4. Relations with the Republic
5. Administration Survey

1. POLITICAL SITUATION

The Chief Minister reported to his colleagues on the political events of the previous few days. There was a discussion on various aspects of the situation. (This discussion is being minuted separately, and a record will be retained in the Office of the Executive.)

2. VOTE OF CONFIDENCE DEBATE

It was agreed that full use of the debate should be made to explain the Executive's policies and intentions both to the House and to the public generally.

3. STANDING ORDERS AND SEATING

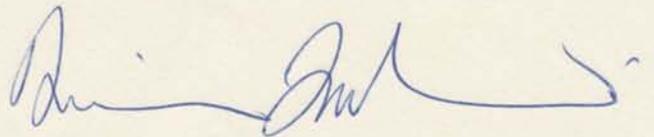
The Chief Whip was requested to look into the possibility of all the amendments to Standing Orders being taken on a single vote. He was also asked to consider whether Standing Orders could ensure that the Government Benches were reserved for members of the Administration.

4. RELATIONS WITH THE REPUBLIC

There was a discussion on this subject which is being separately minuted and of which a record will be retained in the Office of the Executive.

5. ADMINISTRATION SURVEY

At this point Sir David Holden, Permanent Secretaries and other senior officials were invited to the meeting to give an appraisal of the work and problems of the Departments. This occupied the remainder of the day and at the request of members will be separately recorded and circulated.



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