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## COMMISSION FOR VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS BILL

### MARSHALLED LIST OF AMENDMENTS CONSIDERATION STAGE Tuesday 6 May 2008

Amendments tabled up to and including Thursday, 1 May 2008

The Bill will be considered in the following order-

Clauses, Schedules and Long Title

#### **Amendment 1 [Negatived on division]**

##### **Schedule 1 , Page 2, Line 28**

Leave out 'such members as are' and insert 'not more than four members'

Mrs Naomi Long  
Mrs Dolores Kelly  
Mr David Ford

#### **Amendment 2 [Negatived on division]**

##### **Schedule 1 , Page 2, Line 29**

At end insert -

'( ) The First Minister and the deputy First Minister acting jointly shall appoint one of the members as Chief Commissioner.'

Mrs Naomi Long

### **Amendment 3 [Negatived on division]**

#### **Schedule 1 , Page 2, Line 29**

At end insert -

'( ) The First Minister and deputy First Minister acting jointly shall not appoint as a member anyone convicted of a criminal offence arising out of a conflict-related incident.'

Mr Danny Kennedy  
Mr Tom Elliott

### **Amendment 4 [Negatived]**

#### **Schedule 1 , Page 3, Line 17**

At end insert -

'(6A) The First Minister and deputy First Minister acting jointly shall remove from office as a member anyone convicted of a criminal offence arising out of a conflict-related incident.

(6B) For the purposes of this paragraph the definition of "conflict-related incident" shall have effect as if for the word "Commission" there were substituted "First Minister and deputy First Minister acting jointly".'

Mr Danny Kennedy  
Mr Tom Elliott

### **Amendment 5 [Made on division]**

#### **Schedule 1 , Page 3, Line 35**

At end insert -

'(2) If it appears to the Commission that a person it proposes to appoint as an employee has at any time been convicted of a criminal offence, the Commission may only make the appointment if it has obtained the approval of the First Minister and deputy First Minister to the appointment.'

Junior Minister, Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister  
The Rt Hon Mr Jeffrey Donaldson

### **Amendment 6 [Not called]**

#### **Schedule 1 , Page 3, Line 35**

At end insert -

'(2) The Commission shall not appoint as an employee anyone convicted of a criminal offence arising out of a conflict-related incident.'

Mr Danny Kennedy  
Mr Tom Elliott

### **Amendment 7 [Not called]**

#### **Schedule 1 , Page 3, Line 40**

At end insert -

'(6A) All employees of the Commission shall be subject to the direction of the Chief Commissioner'

Mrs Naomi Long  
Mrs Dolores Kelly  
Mr David Ford

### **Amendment 8 [Made on division]**

#### **Schedule 1 , Page 4, Line 30**

Leave out paragraph 9 and insert -

'9. - (1) The Commission may by standing orders make such provision as it thinks fit to regulate its own proceedings (including quorum).

(2) Standing orders may be made or amended by the Commission only with the agreement of all the members who vote on the matter.

(3) Standing orders shall provide for a decision on any of the following matters to be taken by the Commission only with the agreement of all the members who vote on the matter -

(a) the provision of financial assistance under Article 7(1);

(b) the preparation and submission under Article 8 of -

(i) a work programme;

(ii) a revised work programme; or

(iii) an amendment to an existing work programme.

(4) Standing orders shall provide for a decision on any other matter to be taken by the Commission on a simple majority of the members who vote on the matter.

(5) In making representations or recommendations under Article 7(4) in connection with a review under Article 6(2), the Commission shall in relation to each representation or recommendation specify whether it is made -

(a) with the agreement of all the members who voted on the matter; or

(b) on a simple majority of the members who voted on the matter.

(6) The First Minister and deputy First Minister acting jointly -

(a) shall keep under review the working arrangements of the Commission;

(b) may -

(i) designate a member as Chief Commissioner;

(ii) at any time revoke that designation;

(c) may give directions to the Commission regulating its procedure (including directions supplementing or amending any standing orders of the Commission).'

Junior Minister, Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister  
The Rt Hon Mr Jeffrey Donaldson

### **Amendment 9 [Not called]**

#### **Schedule 1 , Page 4, Line 33**

Leave out from 'by' to end of line 33 and insert 'by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the members'

Mrs Naomi Long  
Mr David Ford

### **Amendment 10 [Not called]**

#### **Schedule 1 , Page 4, Line 34**

Leave out sub-paragraph (3)

Mrs Naomi Long  
Mr David Ford

### **Amendment 11 [Not called]**

#### **Schedule 1 , Page 4, Line 34**

Leave out sub-paragraph (3) and insert -

'(3) Where a proposal to make or amend standing orders is not agreed unanimously by the members of the Commission, the Commission may, after further consideration refer such proposed standing orders or such proposed amendments to standing orders, if endorsed by a majority of Commissioners, to the First Minister and deputy First Minister with the recommendation that they, acting jointly, approve them on grounds of sufficient consensus.'

Mrs Dolores Kelly  
Mr Mark Durkan

## **Amendment 12 [Negatived on division]**

### **Schedule 1 , Page 4, Line 39**

Leave out from 'or' to end of line 40

Mrs Naomi Long  
Mrs Dolores Kelly  
Mr David Ford