

Notes on Draft Additional S.O.

22(1) Agree - ? (designate) does designate ^{prob.} = shadow

22(2) (a) Not sure. Very high risk, may create expectation. Better to know what the score is before hand and strategise for that out come. We believe UKA will not make dramatic last minute gesture unless other things agreed, or deal on cards with them.

22(2)(b) References to S.O. 6, para 3, 4. — OK.

“ “ S.O. 24 para 1, 2:

Restate our position that proposed S.O. 24 para 2 is outwith the Agreement — no-where in the GFA does it suggest that political parties be subject to removal from office. In fact (para 25, Stand 1) it specifically states that 'an individual' may be removed from office etc.

Question C

22(3) Agree

22(4) OK

22(6) Can the Presiding Officer ^{re-}visit a party who has initially declined to nominate (their right under (para 21 SFA) after he has gone through the other 3 parties of government?

22(6) → (11) OK.

22(12)(c) Odd that nominating officer of the party on whose behalf he was nominated can discontinue minister designate. Assume this only holds for Shadow Mode.

~~Note absence of an (e) + dismissal of party from Assembly under 24(2). No need to raise it, though - they're more likely to put it in than change it in our favour.~~

22(13) disagree with 24(2), but proposal OK to deal with it.

22(14) Disagree strongly.

23(1) Agree

23(2)(b) Does 'appointment of members to each Cte having regard to the balance of parties in the Assembly' mean that it is each cte or the ctes taken as a whole that should have regard to the balance of parties in the Assembly?
Need clarification.

23(3) suggest addition of 'having regard to paragraph(12)'

23(4) Why 5 min wait for mins & immediate take up for chair/dep chair of ctes?

23(5) → (11) OK - all in accordance with the Act.

23(12) I know it's in the Act, but some clarification required over definition of what constitutes 'party interest'.

23(12) → (13) OK.

Note that d'Hondt not re-applied to whole set up.
Not speaking point.

24(2) Disagree entirely with this politically.

24(3) " " " " (But procedurally OK.)

24(4) → (7) " " "

So, Draft S.O.s are movement to shadow mode only. What is the procedure for movement to 'live' mode? Will the Sec of State be issuing further S.O.s to devolve powers to these Ministers designate? Will she devolve all powers at one time, or might these form part of negotiations on decommission, and help judge the SF demand for 'full exec.' which they have thus far defined as 'not shadow exec.'