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ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT
10 AUGUST 1998**

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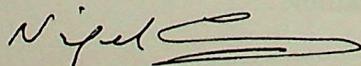
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COMMITTEE ON STANDING ORDERS

This is to confirm that the next meeting of the Committee on Standing Orders will be held on Monday 24 August 1998 at 10.30 am in Room 115, Parliament Buildings.

A G E N D A

1. Minutes of meeting held on 27 July 1998.
2. Observer Status on Committee for a Representative of the Independent Members.
3. Consideration of Standing Orders.
 - (i) Matters arising from previous minutes — see attached.
 - (ii) Examination of lists
 - 'Probably non-complex'
 - 'likely to pose some difficulty'
4. Any other business.
5. Date, time and venue of next meeting.



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COMMITTEE ON STANDING ORDERS

Matters arising from minutes of meeting held on 27 July 1998

- Rule 2 Procedure at first meeting of Assembly.
- Redrafted as requested to take account of Rule 3 of Initial Standing Orders of the New Assembly with particular reference to registering a designation of identity.
 - Consideration required on the use of the designation 'other' (Rule 3(1) of Initial Standing Orders of the New Assembly) and of the ability to change designation (as permitted in Rule 3(3) of Initial Standing Orders of the New Assembly).
- Rule 3 Election of Speaker.
- Redrafted as requested in accordance with Rule 12(2) [Voting: cross community support] and Rule 13 [election of Presiding Officer] of Initial Standing Orders of the New Assembly.
- Rule 4. Procedure when office of Speaker becomes vacant.
- Redrafted as agreed.
- Rule 5. Assistant Speakers.
- Redrafted as agreed.
- Rule 6. Roll of Members.
- Redrafted to make reference to requirement in Rule 3(1) of Initial Standing Orders of the New Assembly — ie Members signing Roll must register a designation of identity.
 - consideration required on the use of 'other' designation (see Rule 2).
- Rule 7. Office of the Clerk and Records of the Assembly.
- Redrafted to take account of the lack of power given to the Clerk.
- Rule 12. Members' Interests.
- Redrafted to reflect the requirements set out in Clause 35 of the Northern Ireland Bill.

Rule 13. Delaying Motions.

Discussion deferred at last meeting.

- need to refer to 'Petitions of Concern' and better descriptive word than 'Delaying', plus need to refer to other devices eg guillotines and closures.

Rule 14. Business of the Assembly.

Secretariat to contact Scottish and Welsh counterparts on 'Order of Business' etc and Committee to revisit this Rule.