



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Minute of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body (SPCB) meeting held on Thursday 18 February 2021 at 13.00, via Teams

Present:

- Ken Macintosh MSP (Chair)
- Jackson Carlaw MSP
- Liam McArthur MSP
- David Stewart MSP
- Sandra White MSP

In attendance:

- David McGill
- Michelle Hegarty
- Judith Morrison
- Roz Thomson
- Eric MacLeod
- Joanne McNaughton
- Judith Proudfoot, Secretary

Committee on the Scottish Government Handling of Harassment Complaints (SGHHC) - correspondence

1. The Committee on the Scottish Government Handling of Harassment Complaints (SGHHC) wrote to the Corporate Body on 17 February 2021 seeking an urgent decision by the SPCB, as the publisher of parliamentary material, on whether to publish a submission by the former First Minister Alex Salmond.
2. The SPCB had been briefed on the matter at its earlier meeting and agreed that it would reconvene to discuss and reach a decision. Andy Wightman MSP did not attend this second meeting.
3. The SPCB discussed a range of views aired by members based on the advice presented and came to a collective decision that, on balance, the submission could be published. The decision in principle to publish would be followed by the processing of the submission in line with the SGHHC Committee's evidence handling statement.

SPCB secretariat

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