NOTE OF THE SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT ART ADVISORY GROUP
MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 13 JANUARY 2009

Present: Robin Harper MSP, Chair
          Ted Brocklebank MSP
          Liz Lochhead
          Ian McKee MSP
          Jeremy Purvis MSP
          Patricia Ferguson MSP

In attendance: Fiona McDougall, Art Curator / Exhibitions Manager
               Alan Rennie, Exhibitions Officer (Minutes)

Minutes of last meeting

1. The Group approved the minutes of the previous meeting.

Canongate Wall Project

2. The Art Curator confirmed that the SPCB had approved this project, with unveiling of the new quotation planned for St Andrew’s Day in November 2009. The Art Curator gave a summary of the existing authors. The Group were invited to sit on the selection panel, and it was noted that the panel would include representatives from the Scottish Book Trust and the Scottish Poetry Library. Professor Douglas Dunn had also been invited to sit on the panel. Robin Harper MSP agreed to act as Chair for the panel. The Group were then invited to offer suggestions on how a future selection process may work. One suggestion was that members may invite proposals from their local constituents. It was decided that all relevant persons involved in the selection process should be invited to a meeting to further discuss the way forward.

ACTION: Exhibitions Officer to arrange meeting on behalf of the Group on evening of 10 February.

SPCB Update

3. The Art Curator gave an update with regard to the future development of the Art Collection, whereby the Group were advised on the issues around the governance of the Collection. The Group queried when and whether a budget might be available to fund the Collection and expressed views that it was important for the Collection to remain strongly identified with the Scottish Parliament and be resourced as appropriate to a Collection unique to the Scottish Parliament and its building.

ACTION: Group agreed to highlight their commitment to future development of the Collection to the Presiding Officer.
Exhibition Proposal Meeting

4. A lunch meeting to discuss a possible future exhibition of graduate and post-graduate artworks in the Parliament was confirmed to the Group. Representatives of Edinburgh College of Art, Glasgow Art College, Dundee College of Art, and Gray’s School of Art will attend. It was decided that an agenda should be distributed for the benefit of attendees.

**ACTION:** Exhibitions Officer to distribute agenda to all attendees.

Research Visit Update

5. The Group were presented with a summary and photographs of the recent research visit. The Group agreed to further consider any possible future acquisition of the artist’s work.

**ACTION:** The Chair to write to the artist with thanks on behalf of the Group.

Artist Proposal

6. Item to be added to next meeting agenda.

Date of next meeting

7. Dates to be issued to check availability.

**ACTION:** Exhibitions Officer to distribute possible dates.