STANDARDS, PROCEDURES AND PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

21st Meeting, 2015 (Session 4)

Thursday 3 December 2015

Present:

Cameron Buchanan
Patricia Ferguson
Gil Paterson

Mary Fee (Deputy Convener)
Fiona McLeod
Stewart Stevenson (Convener)

Apologies were received from Dave Thompson.

The meeting opened at 9.00 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private**: The Committee agreed to take items 5 and 6 in private.

2. **Decision on taking business in private**: The Committee agreed that its consideration of its draft Stage 1 report on the Scottish Elections (Dates) Bill and its draft reports on Legislation and Hybrid Bills Standing Order Rule Changes should be taken in private at future meetings.

3. **Scottish Elections (Dates) Bill** The Committee took evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—


4. **Lobbying (Scotland) Bill (in private)**: The Committee considered a draft Stage 1 report and agreed to finalise by correspondence.

5. **Scottish Elections (Dates) Bill** The Committee considered the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
6. **Hybrid Bills (in private):** The Committee considered a note by the Clerk and agreed Standing Order rule changes.

7. **Scotland Bill (in private):** The Committee considered an issues paper and agreed to write to the Devolution (Further Powers) Committee. The Committee also agreed that the letter would be signed off by the Convener and Deputy-Convener.

The meeting closed at 11.23 am.

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