STANDARDS, PROCEDURES AND PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

3rd Meeting, 2016 (Session 4)

Thursday 4 February 2016

Present:
Patricia Ferguson
Michael Russell
Stewart Stevenson (Convener)

Fiona McLeod
John Scott (Committee Substitute)
Dave Thompson

Also present: Neil Findlay

Apologies were received from Cameron Buchanan, Mary Fee (Deputy Convener).

The meeting opened at 9.00 am.

1. **Declaration of interests:** John Scott was invited to declare any relevant interests. John Scott indicated he had no interests to declare.

2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed that its consideration of issues for, and a draft of, its legacy report, a draft report and Standing Order Rule changes on its legislation inquiry, and papers on lobbying, legislation and the Scotland Bill should be taken in private at future meetings.

3. **Lobbying (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee considered the Bill at Stage 2.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 29, 30, 10, 11, 12 and 13.

Amendment 3 was agreed to (by division) (For 5, Against 1, Abstain 0).

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

14 (For 1, Against 5, Abstain 0)
15 (For 1, Against 5, Abstain 0)
16 (For 1, Against 5, Abstain 0)
17 (For 1, Against 5, Abstain 0)
18 (For 1, Against 5, Abstain 0)
19 (For 1, Against 5, Abstain 0)
20 (For 1, Against 5, Abstain 0)
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23 (For 1, Against 5, Abstain 0)
24 (For 1, Against 5, Abstain 0)
26 (For 1, Against 5, Abstain 0)
28 (For 1, Against 5, Abstain 0)
31 (For 2, Against 4, Abstain 0)
32 (For 1, Against 5, Abstain 0)
33 (For 1, Against 5, Abstain 0)
13A (For 1, Against 5, Abstain 0)
13B (For 2, Against 4, Abstain 0)
34 (For 1, Against 5, Abstain 0)
35 (For 1, Against 5, Abstain 0).

The following amendments were moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn: 25, 27.

The following provisions were agreed to without amendment: Sections 3 and 4, section 5, section 6, sections 7 to 14, section 15, sections 16 to 23, sections 25 to 41, section 42, section 44, section 47, section 50, section 51 and the Long Title.

The following provisions were agreed to as amended: Section 1, the Schedule, section 2, section 24, section 43, section 45, section 46, section 48 and section 49.

The Committee completed Stage 2 consideration of the Bill.

4. **Chapter 9B of the Standing Orders**: The Committee considered a note by the Clerk in relation to a letter received from Mary Fee on Chapter 9B of the Standing Orders.

The meeting closed at 10.43 am.

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