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EDUCATION AND SKILLS COMMITTEE

1st Meeting 2018, Session 5

CONVENER

*James Dornan (Glasgow Cathcart) (SNP)

DEPUTY CONVENER

*Johann Lamont (Glasgow) (Lab)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

*George Adam (Paisley) (SNP)

*Mary Fee (West Scotland) (Lab)

*Ross Greer (West Scotland) (Green)

*Richard Lochhead (Moray) (SNP)

*Ruth Maguire (Cunninghame South) (SNP)

*Gillian Martin (Aberdeenshire East) (SNP)

*Oliver Mundell (Dumfriesshire) (Con)

*Tavish Scott (Shetland Islands) (LD)

*Liz Smith (Mid Scotland and Fife) (Con)

*attended

CLERK TO THE COMMITTEE

Roz Thomson

LOCATION

The Robert Burns Room (CR1)

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[The Convener opened the meeting at 11:30]

Interests

The Convener (James Dornan): Good morning and welcome to the first meeting of the Education and Skills Committee in 2018. I wish you all a very happy new year.

We will take two short items in public today before moving into private session. Item 1 is a declaration of interests. Mary Fee was appointed to the committee yesterday in place of Daniel Johnson. I warmly welcome Mary to the committee.

Tavish Scott (Shetland Islands) (LD): Did you say “warmly”, convener?

The Convener: That was a Freudian slip—I meant to say “warmly”—although you never know.

I am sure that the committee would like to pass on its sincere thanks to Daniel Johnson for his contribution to the committee since the start of the parliamentary session. Daniel was a valued member of the committee and participated fully on regular occasions.

This item is to give Mary Fee the opportunity to declare any interests that are relevant to the committee’s remit.

Mary Fee (West Scotland) (Lab): Thank you, convener, for the very warm welcome. I look forward to working with all committee members. I have no relevant interests to declare and I refer members to my entry in the register of interests.

Decision on Taking Business in Private

11:31

The Convener: The next item of business is a decision on whether to take agenda item 3 in private. Is everyone content for that item to be taken in private?

Members *indicated agreement.*

The Convener: Thank you. That concludes the public part of today’s meeting. I ask the crowd to leave.

11:31

Meeting continued in private until 12:20.

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