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**COMMITTEE ON THE SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT HANDLING OF HARASSMENT  
COMPLAINTS  
5<sup>th</sup> Meeting 2019, Session 5**

**CONVENER**

\*Linda Fabiani (East Kilbride) (SNP)

**DEPUTY CONVENER**

\*Margaret Mitchell (Central Scotland) (Con)

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

\*Dr Alasdair Allan (Na h-Eileanan an Iar) (SNP)

\*Jackie Baillie (Dumbarton) (Lab)

\*Donald Cameron (Highlands and Islands) (Con)

\*Alex Cole-Hamilton (Edinburgh Western) (LD)

\*Angela Constance (Almond Valley) (SNP)

\*Alison Johnstone (Lothian) (Green)

\*Maureen Watt (Aberdeen South and North Kincardine) (SNP)

\*attended

**CLERK TO THE COMMITTEE**

Irene Fleming

**LOCATION**

The Adam Smith Room (CR5)



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**Committee on the Scottish**  
**Government Handling of**  
**Harassment Complaints**

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*[The Convener opened the meeting at 17:18]*

**Decision on Taking Business in**  
**Private**

**The Convener (Linda Fabiani):** Welcome, everyone, to the fifth meeting in 2019 of the Committee on the Scottish Government Handling of Harassment Complaints. The papers for the meeting, including the agenda, have been distributed to all members. I ask everyone to ensure that any mobile devices are turned off.

The meeting that was scheduled to take place on 20 June, which was just before the recess, was postponed. Its intended content requires that we schedule a further meeting to consider the postponed items. However, I thought that it was important to call a meeting for today to consider a briefing on the assessment of expenses in judicial review litigation. Do members agree that we should take in private agenda item 2, under which that will be considered?

**Members** *indicated agreement.*

**The Convener:** We will move back into public session to announce any decisions that are taken during the discussion under agenda item 2.

17:19

*Meeting continued in private.*

18:16

*On resuming—*

**Scottish Government Handling of**  
**Harassment Complaints**

**The Convener:** The committee has discussed the contents of the letter that came back from the Scottish Government and has agreed to write back to the Scottish Government to thank it for its response to the committee's letter, to seek clarification on some of the points and to stress that the committee expects to be alerted to any further matters that are likely to end up in the public domain at any time.

*Meeting closed at 18:17.*



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