



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Minute of the Gender Sensitive Parliament Advisory Group meeting held on Wednesday 12 March at 6.00pm

Present:

- Rt Hon Alison Johnstone MSP, Presiding Officer (Chair)
- Rona Mackay MSP, Scottish National Party
- Carol Mochan MSP, Scottish Labour Party
- Beatrice Wishart MSP, Scottish Liberal Democrats
- Professor Sarah Childs, Personal Chair of Politics and Gender, University of Edinburgh
- Hannah Johnson, Knowledge Exchange Lead - Senedd Cymru & Senior Gender Adviser - INTER PARES
- Professor Meryl Kenny, Professor of Gender and Politics, University of Edinburgh
- Femi Otitoju, Diversity and Inclusion Consultant

Apologies:

- Sue Webber MSP, Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party
- Maggie Chapman MSP, Scottish Green Party

In attendance:

- Allan Campbell, Head of Operations, Chief Executive Group

Officials supporting the Advisory Group and officials from the Office of the Presiding Officer also attended.

Item 1: Minute of previous meeting and matters arising

- 1.1 The Group agreed the Minute of the meeting on 28 January 2025.
- 1.2 An update was provided on the next Women's Caucus meeting which was scheduled to take place on Tuesday 18 March with Rt Hon Caroline Nokes MP, Deputy Speaker of the House of Commons, as guest speaker.

Item 2: Update on progress on recommendations

2.1 The Group discussed the updates presented in the paper.

- **Recommendation 8** – It was agreed that Allan Campbell and Femi Otitoju would discuss possible partnership work with broadcasters.
- **Recommendation 10** – The Group agreed that the development and issuing of the parent and carer survey should take place before the end of the current parliamentary session. Proposals for the survey will be brought to the next meeting of the Advisory Group.

Item 3: Discussion on correspondence received from the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

3.1 The Advisory Group considered correspondence from the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee.

3.2 It was agreed that a draft response would be cleared by correspondence.

Item 4: Any other business

4.1 No further business items were raised.

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