



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

COMMITTEE ON THE SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT HANDLING OF HARASSMENT COMPLAINTS

MINUTES

14th Meeting, 2020 (Session 5)

Tuesday 17 November 2020

Present:

Dr Alasdair Allan
Alex Cole-Hamilton
Linda Fabiani (Convener)
Alison Johnstone
Maureen Watt

Jackie Baillie
Angela Constance
Murdo Fraser
Margaret Mitchell (Deputy Convener)

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. **Work Programme (in private):** The Committee considered its work programme.

The Committee considered a proposal to write to James Hamilton regarding the First Minister's self-referral under the Ministerial Code. The Committee disagreed with this proposal by division: For 3 (Jackie Baillie, Alex Cole-Hamilton, Margaret Mitchell), Against 5 (Alasdair Allan, Angela Constance, Linda Fabiani, Alison Johnstone, Maureen Watt), Abstentions 0.

The Committee agreed to defer the remainder of its deliberations under this agenda item to its next meeting.

2. **The Judicial Review:** The Committee took evidence from—

James Wolffe QC, Lord Advocate, Scottish Government;

and from —

Leslie Evans, Permanent Secretary, Scottish Government.

3. **Review of Evidence (in private):** The Committee agreed to defer its deliberations under this agenda item to its next meeting.

The meeting closed at 2.00 pm.

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