Present:

Alex Cole-Hamilton (Deputy Convener)    Mary Fee
Fulton MacGregor                      Ruth Maguire (Convener)
Oliver Mundell                        Gail Ross
Annie Wells

Also present: John Finnie, Liam Kerr, Adam Tomkins.

The meeting opened at 9.00 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private**: The Committee agreed to take item 3 in private.

2. **Children (Equal Protection from Assault) (Scotland) Bill**: The Committee considered the Bill at Stage 2.

   The following amendments were disagreed to (by division) –
   
   9 (For 2, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
   2 (For 2, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
   3 (For 2, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
   4 (For 2, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
   6 (For 2, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
   7 (For 2, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
   8 (For 2, Against 5, Abstentions 0)

   Amendments 1 was moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn.

   Amendment 5 was not moved.

   The following provisions were agreed to without amendment: sections 2, 3, 4 and 5.
The following provisions were agreed to with Oliver Mundell and Annie Wells noting dissent: section 1 and the long title.

The Committee completed Stage 2 consideration of the Bill.

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

4. **Budget Scrutiny 2020-21 (in private):** The Committee further considered its approach to the scrutiny of the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2020-21. The Committee agreed a remit and terms of reference for a budget inquiry and to issue a call for written evidence. The Committee also agreed its approach to selection of witnesses, and to delegate authority to approve witness expenses to the Convener.

The meeting closed at 11.09 am.

Claire Menzies  
Clerk to the Equalities and Human Rights Committee  
Room T2.60  
Scottish Parliament  
Edinburgh  
Tel: 0131 348 5217  
Email: claire.menzies@parliament.scot