Present:

John Finnie
James Kelly
Liam Kerr
Bill Kidd (Committee Substitute)
Fulton MacGregor
Rona Mackay (Deputy Convener)
Liam McArthur
Shona Robison
Adam Tomkins (Convener)

Apologies were received from Dr Alasdair Allan.

The meeting opened at 10.30 am.

1. Declaration of interests: Adam Tomkins indicated that he is an employee of the University of Glasgow and holds an academic position in its School of Law.

2. Choice of Convener: The Committee chose Adam Tomkins as its new Convener.

3. Defamation and Malicious Publications (Scotland) Bill: The Committee took evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—

   Andrew Tickell, Trustee, Scottish PEN;

   Nick McGowan-Lowe, Organiser, Scottish Office, National Union of Journalists;

   John McLellan, Director, Scottish Newspaper Society;


4. Defamation and Malicious Publications (Scotland) Bill (in private): The Committee reviewed the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
The meeting closed at 12.51 pm.

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