



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

STANDARDS, PROCEDURES AND PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

19th Meeting, 2017 (Session 5)

Thursday 16 November 2017

Present:

Clare Adamson (Convener)

Kate Forbes

Patrick Harvie (Deputy Convener)

Alexander Stewart

Tom Arthur

Jamie Halcro Johnston

Daniel Johnson

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take item 6 in private and that further papers on the Commission on Parliamentary Reform should be taken in private at future meetings
2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed that its consideration of its approach to its inquiry into sexual harassment and inappropriate conduct at the Scottish Parliament should be taken in private at a future meeting.
3. **Cross-Party Group:** The Committee considered an application for recognition from the proposed Cross-Party Group on Consumer Protection for Home Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, and took evidence from—

Clare Haughey, Convener of the proposed CPG on Consumer Protection for Home Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.

4. **Lobbying (Scotland) Act 2016:** The Committee took evidence on draft parliamentary guidance and a code of conduct for persons lobbying members of the Parliament from—

Dougie Wands, Acting Lobbying Registrar, Scottish Parliament.

Jamie Halcro Johnston declared that he is a Director and shareholder of Campaignhouse Ltd, a consultancy company. Daniel Johnson declared that he

is a member of the Federation of Small Businesses. The Committee agreed to issue the draft parliamentary guidance to Scottish Ministers for formal consultation subject to minor textual amendments discussed at the meeting.

5. **Cross-Party Group - approval:** The Committee agreed to accord recognition to the proposed Cross-Party Group on Consumer Protection for Home Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.
6. **Commission on Parliamentary Reform (in private):** The Committee considered notes by the clerks.

The Committee agreed to consider draft Standing Orders Rule changes on the subject of extending debates and First Minister's Question Time at a future meeting.

The meeting closed at 10.49 am.

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