



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## STANDARDS, PROCEDURES AND PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

13th Meeting, 2017 (Session 5)

Thursday 29 June 2017

Present:

Clare Adamson (Convener)  
Emma Harper  
Daniel Johnson  
Alexander Stewart

Tom Arthur  
Patrick Harvie (Deputy Convener)  
John Scott

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Cross-Party Group:** The Committee considered an application for recognition from the proposed Cross-Party Group on Women's Health, and took evidence from—

Monica Lennon, Convener of the proposed CPG on Women's Health.

2. **Cross-Party Group - approval:** The Committee agreed to accord recognition to the proposed Cross-Party Group on Women's Health.
3. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee reviewed its work programme. The Committee considered the resolution of the Parliament agreed on 21 June 2017 on Scottish Government compliance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, noted the call for an independent inquiry and for post legislative scrutiny of the Act. The Committee agreed to write to the SPCB to seek its response to the resolution given its role in nominating the Scottish Information Commissioner for appointment, and oversight of the Commissioner's use of resources, strategic planning and reporting.
4. **Lobbying (Scotland) Act 2016 (in private):** The Committee received a background briefing from the Lobbying Registrar and noted progress towards implementation of the Act.

The meeting closed at 10.51 am.

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