



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

STANDARDS, PROCEDURES AND PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

14th Meeting, 2017 (Session 5)

Thursday 7 September 2017

Present:

Clare Adamson (Convener)	Tom Arthur
Jamie Halcro Johnston	Emma Harper
Patrick Harvie (Deputy Convener)	Daniel Johnson
Alexander Stewart	

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Declaration of interests:** Jamie Halcro Johnston declared his shareholding in Campaignhouse Ltd. but anticipated that the company will be wound up by the end of September 2017.
2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take items 5 and 6 in private.
3. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take future consideration of two reports from the Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland, and its own draft reports on the complaints, in private at future meetings.
4. **Lobbying (Scotland) Act 2016:** The Committee took evidence on a draft Direction and a draft Resolution under the Lobbying (Scotland) Act 2016 from—

Billy McLaren, Lobbying Registrar, Charles Garland, Solicitor, and Neil Ross, Solicitor, Scottish Parliament.

The Committee agreed the terms of the draft Direction and draft Resolution.

5. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee reviewed its work programme and agreed to write to the Scottish Government to seek its response to the resolution agreed by the Parliament on 21 June 2017 regarding the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

6. **Complaints (in private):** The Committee considered two reports from the Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland.

The meeting closed at 10.32 am.

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