

# **AD HOC STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

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Session 2

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### AD HOC STANDARDS COMMITTEE

1<sup>st</sup> Meeting 2005, Session 2

#### OLDEST COMMITTEE MEMBER

\*Trish Godman (West Renfrewshire) (Lab)

#### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

\*Scott Barrie (Dunfermline West) (Lab)

\*Lord James Douglas-Hamilton (Lothians) (Con)

\*George Lyon (Argyll and Bute) (LD)

\*Alasdair Morgan (South of Scotland) (SNP)

\*attended

#### CLERK TO THE COMMITTEE

Jennifer Smart

#### LOCATION

Committee Room 1



## Scottish Parliament

### Ad Hoc Standards Committee

*Thursday 9 June 2005*

[THE OLDEST COMMITTEE MEMBER *opened the meeting at 12:39*]

### Interests

**Trish Godman (Oldest Committee Member):** I welcome everyone to the first meeting of the Ad Hoc Standards Committee. As I am the oldest member of the committee—indeed, I am probably the oldest person in the room—I will chair the meeting until we agree on a convener.

The first item of business must be the declaration of interests. I take it that members have read their papers and understand what that means. I will ask members one by one to declare any interests that they consider relevant under the remit of the committee.

I will start with myself. I have nothing to declare.

**Alasdair Morgan (South of Scotland) (SNP):** I have no interests to declare.

**Lord James Douglas-Hamilton (Lothians) (Con):** To the best of my knowledge, I have no interests to declare. I was a member of the Standards Committee in the first session of Parliament, but I do not consider that to be relevant in this case.

**Scott Barrie (Dunfermline West) (Lab):** I have no interests to declare.

**George Lyon (Argyll and Bute) (LD):** I have no interests to declare.

## Convener

12:40

**Trish Godman:** The second item on the agenda is the choice of committee convener. The Parliament has resolved that the convener will be a member of the Labour Party. I seek nominations from members.

**Lord James Douglas-Hamilton:** I nominate you as convener and Alasdair Morgan as deputy convener.

**Trish Godman:** We will choose the convener first and then come to the choice of the deputy convener.

I have been nominated as the convener of the Ad Hoc Standards Committee.

*Trish Godman was chosen as convener.*

**The Convener (Trish Godman):** Thank you for that.

## Deputy Convener

12:40

**The Convener:** We now move to the choice of the deputy convener. The Parliament has resolved that the deputy convener should be a member of the Scottish National Party. I seek nominations from members.

**Lord James Douglas-Hamilton:** I nominate Alasdair Morgan.

**The Convener:** Alasdair Morgan has been nominated as deputy convener.

*Alasdair Morgan was chosen as deputy convener.*

## Item in Private

12:41

**The Convener:** Under agenda item 4, I seek members' agreement to take consideration of the Scottish parliamentary standards commissioner's report in private. The reason for doing so is to ensure the privacy of any future investigation into the complaint. As a result, we must ensure that we conduct this first part in private. Do members agree to take item 5 in private?

**Members** *indicated agreement.*

**The Convener:** I ask members of the public to leave the meeting.

12:41

*Meeting continued in private until 12:57.*

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