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NATIONAL GALLERIES OF SCOTLAND BILL COMMITTEE

1st Meeting 2015, Session 4

CONVENER

*Anne McTaggart (Glasgow) (Lab)

DEPUTY CONVENER

*Fiona McLeod (Strathkelvin and Bearsden) (SNP)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

*Jean Urquhart (Highlands and Islands) (Ind)

*attended

CLERK TO THE COMMITTEE

Clare O'Neill

LOCATION

The Sir Alexander Fleming Room (CR3)

Scottish Parliament

Convener

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[Jean Urquhart opened the meeting at 10:00]

Interests

Jean Urquhart (Highlands and Islands) (Ind):

Good morning and welcome to the first meeting of the National Galleries of Scotland Bill Committee. I remind all those present, including members, that mobile phones and BlackBerrys should be turned off completely—she says turning her own off. However, committee members may use tablets for committee business as the meeting papers are now provided in digital format.

The first item of business on our agenda is the declaration of interests and of impartiality. In accordance with section 3 of the code of conduct, I invite members to declare any interests relevant to the remit of the committee. I remind them that declarations should be brief but sufficiently detailed to make clear to any listener the nature of the interest.

In accordance with rule 9A.5.4A of the standing orders, I invite members to declare that they will act impartially and will base decisions solely on the evidence and information provided to the committee.

I declare that I have no interests and that I will act impartially, in my capacity as a member of the National Galleries of Scotland Bill Committee, and will base decisions solely on the evidence and information provided to the committee.

Fiona McLeod (Strathkelvin and Bearsden)

(SNP): I have no relevant interests to declare. I declare that I will act impartially, in my capacity as a member of the National Galleries of Scotland Bill Committee, and will base decisions solely on the evidence and information provided to the committee.

Anne McTaggart (Glasgow) (Lab):

I have no interests to declare. I declare that I will act impartially, in my capacity as a member of the National Galleries of Scotland Bill Committee, and will base decisions solely on the evidence and information provided to the committee.

10:01

Jean Urquhart: Item 2 is to choose a convener. The Parliament has agreed that only members of the Scottish Labour Party are eligible for nomination as convener of the committee. I am therefore pleased to say that Anne McTaggart is the Scottish Labour Party's nominee for that post.

Anne McTaggart was chosen as convener.

Jean Urquhart: I congratulate Anne McTaggart on her appointment and hand over the chair to her for the remainder of proceedings.

Deputy Convener

10:02

The Convener (Anne McTaggart): Thank you and welcome to our new committee. I look forward to working with Jean Urquhart and Fiona McLeod.

Item 3 is to choose a deputy convener. The Parliament has agreed that only members of the Scottish National Party are eligible for nomination as deputy convener of the committee. I understand that Fiona McLeod is the party's nominee for that post.

Fiona McLeod was chosen as deputy convener.

The Convener: I congratulate Fiona McLeod on her appointment.

Decision on Taking Business in Private

10:03

The Convener: Item 4 is to decide whether to take item 6, on the committee's approach, in private. Do we agree to take item 6 in private?

Members *indicated agreement.*

Witness Expenses

10:03

The Convener: Item 5 is to seek the committee's agreement to delegate to the convener responsibility for arranging payment by the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body of any expenses incurred by witnesses. Do we agree to delegate that responsibility to the convener?

Members *indicated agreement.*

The Convener: We agreed under item 4 to take item 6 in private, so we now move into private session. I ask for the gallery to be cleared.

10:04

Meeting continued in private until 10:20.

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