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COMMITTEE**

1st Meeting 2015, Session 4

CONVENER

*Bill Kidd (Glasgow Anniesland) (SNP)

DEPUTY CONVENER

*Mary Fee (West Scotland) (Lab)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

*Graeme Dey (Angus South) (SNP)

*James Dornan (Glasgow Cathcart) (SNP)

*Mary Scanlon (Highlands and Islands) (Con)

*Tavish Scott (Shetland Islands) (LD)

*attended

CLERK TO THE COMMITTEE

Andrew Mylne

LOCATION

The Robert Burns Room (CR1)

Scottish Parliament

Interests of Members of the Scottish Parliament (Amendment) Bill Committee

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[Mary Scanlon opened the meeting at 13:35]

Interests

Mary Scanlon (Highlands and Islands) (Con):

I welcome everyone to the first meeting in 2015 of the Interests of Members of the Scottish Parliament (Amendment) Bill Committee. I remind everyone to turn off mobile phones, as they can interfere with the sound system. We received no apologies in advance of the meeting.

Agenda item 1 is to allow committee members to declare any interests that they have that are relevant to the committee's work. Background information has been provided in a note from the clerk.

My interests are declared in my entry in the register of members' interests, which anyone can see. I have a few acres of land in Donegal and a small pension from the Scottish Public Pensions Agency.

I invite members around the table to declare any interests that they feel are relevant.

Bill Kidd (Glasgow Anniesland) (SNP): I have no relevant interests to declare.

Mary Fee (West Scotland) (Lab): I have no relevant interests to declare in relation to the Interests of Members of the Scottish Parliament (Amendment) Bill, but I am a member of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee.

Graeme Dey (Angus South) (SNP): I am not aware of any interests that I need to declare.

James Dornan (Glasgow Cathcart) (SNP): I am not aware of any interests that I need to declare.

Tavish Scott (Shetland Islands) (LD): I have no interests to declare.

Convener

13:36

Mary Scanlon: Item 2 is our choice of convener. The Parliament has agreed that only members of the Scottish National Party are eligible for nomination as convener. I understand that Bill Kidd is the party's nominee for the post. Do colleagues agree to choose him as our convener?

Bill Kidd was chosen as convener.

Mary Scanlon: No seconder is required and I congratulate Mr Kidd on his appointment. We do not need to change chairs, so it is over to him.

The Convener (Bill Kidd): I thank Mary Scanlon for helping us to see democracy in action; she chaired the meeting extremely well.

Deputy Convener

13:38

The Convener: Item 3 is our choice of deputy convener. I have been informed that the post should fall to Mary Scanlon MSP. Is there any other view? [*Interruption.*] Is Mr Dornan trying to shout something at me?

James Dornan: I was whispering something to you, as was your clerk.

The Convener: I beg your pardon; I should have referred to Mary Fee.

Mary Scanlon: I admit that what you said was a surprise to me. There are too many Marys.

The Convener: There are too many Marys and I had just mentioned Mary Scanlon. I apologise to Mary Fee; perhaps I should have let Graeme Dey take over.

Does the committee support the nomination of Mary Fee?

Mary Fee was chosen as deputy convener.

Decision on Taking Business in Private

13:38

The Convener: Under item 4, does the committee agree to take its work programme in private?

Members *indicated agreement.*

13:38

Meeting continued in private until 13:42.

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