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### WELFARE REFORM COMMITTEE

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**WELFARE REFORM COMMITTEE**

**4<sup>th</sup> Meeting 2016, Session 4**

**CONVENER**

\*Hugh Henry (Renfrewshire South) (Lab)

**DEPUTY CONVENER**

\*Clare Adamson (Central Scotland) (SNP)

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

\*Neil Findlay (Lothian) (Lab)

\*John Lamont (Ettrick, Roxburgh and Berwickshire) (Con)

\*Joan McAlpine (South Scotland) (SNP)

\*Christina McKelvie (Hamilton, Larkhall and Stonehouse) (SNP)

\*Kevin Stewart (Aberdeen Central) (SNP)

\*attended

**CLERK TO THE COMMITTEE**

Simon Watkins

**LOCATION**

The David Livingstone Room (CR6)



## Scottish Parliament

### Welfare Reform Committee

*Tuesday 23 February 2016*

*[The Convener opened the meeting at 10:44]*

### Decision on Taking Business in Private

**The Convener (Hugh Henry):** Good morning and welcome to the fourth meeting in 2016 of the Welfare Reform Committee. I apologise for the late start, which is due to traffic problems this morning. I ask that everyone ensure that mobile phones and other electronic devices are switched to silent or airplane mode.

The first item on the agenda is a decision on taking business in private. Do we agree to take items 3 and 4 in private?

**Members** *indicated agreement.*

## Petition

### Bedroom Tax Mitigation (PE1496)

10:44

**The Convener:** Item 2 on the agenda has been outstanding for a considerable time.

Petition PE1496, in the name of Alan Wyllie on behalf of the no2bedroomtax campaign, is on bedroom tax mitigation. It was considered previously by the committee in January 2014. At the time, the petition was not closed as the bedroom tax issue was on-going. As members know, the issue has subsequently been resolved through the additional powers on discretionary housing payments.

The committee has to decide whether we are content to close the petition or to keep it open for a particular reason. Is it the view of the committee that it should be closed now?

**Members** *indicated agreement.*

**The Convener:** With that, the public part of the meeting is closed and the committee will go into private session.

10:45

*Meeting continued in private until 11:08.*



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