# **EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES COMMITTEE**

Tuesday 22 May 2001 (Morning)

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## **D**EPUTY CONVENER

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## ASSISTANT CLERK

Roy McMahon

## LOC ATION

Committee Room 2

<sup>\*</sup>attended

# **Scottish Parliament**

10:03

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[THE CONV ENER opened the meeting at 10:03]

# **Items in Private**

The Convener (Kate MacLean): I will start with item 1 on our agenda. Does the committee agree to take items 2 and 3 in private?

Members indicated agreement.

Meeting continued in private until 10:11.

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