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20th Meeting 2017, Session 5

CONVENER

*Clare Haughey (Rutherglen) (SNP)

DEPUTY CONVENER

*Patrick Harvie (Glasgow) (Green)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

*Tom Arthur (Renfrewshire South) (SNP)

*Kate Forbes (Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch) (SNP)

*Jamie Halcro Johnston (Highlands and Islands) (Con)

Daniel Johnson (Edinburgh Southern) (Lab)

*Alexander Stewart (Mid Scotland and Fife) (Con)

*attended

CLERK TO THE COMMITTEE

Joanna Hardy

LOCATION

The Sir Alexander Fleming Room (CR3)

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*[The Deputy Convener opened the meeting at
10:00]*

Interests

The Deputy Convener (Patrick Harvie): Good morning, everyone, and welcome to the 20th meeting in 2017 of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee.

Item 1 is a declaration of interests. I welcome our new member, Clare Haughey, to the committee—not for the first time. She joins us in place of Clare Adamson. I invite her to declare any interests that are relevant to the work of the committee.

Clare Haughey (Rutherglen) (SNP): Thank you. I have no interests that are relevant to the work of the committee.

Convener

10:00

The Deputy Convener: Item 2 is the process for appointing a new committee convener. The Parliament has previously agreed that only members of the Scottish National Party are eligible for nomination as convener of this committee.

I understand that Clare Haughey has been nominated for the post. Just to be absolutely clear, are there any other, late nominees for the post? If not, I ask the committee to agree to choose Clare Haughey as our new convener.

Clare Haughey was chosen as convener.

The Deputy Convener: Thank you. I congratulate Clare on her appointment and I take this opportunity to record—on behalf of all of us, I am sure—the committee's thanks to Clare Adamson, who has been the committee convener since the start of this parliamentary session. She is joining the Social Security Committee, and I am sure that we wish her well in her new role.

With that, I hand over the chair to the new convener.

The Convener (Clare Haughey): Thank you, Mr Harvie. I thank the committee for the nomination. It is a great honour to be appointed as convener of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee.

We move into private for our final item, which is consideration of the committee's approach to its inquiry into sexual harassment.

10:02

Meeting continued in private until 10:54.

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