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**SOCIAL SECURITY COMMITTEE**

**23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting 2017, Session 5**

**CONVENER**

\*Clare Adamson (Motherwell and Wishaw) (SNP)

**DEPUTY CONVENER**

Pauline McNeill (Glasgow) (Lab)

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

\*George Adam (Paisley) (SNP)

\*Jeremy Balfour (Lothian) (Con)

\*Mark Griffin (Central Scotland) (Lab)

\*Alison Johnstone (Lothian) (Green)

\*Ben Macpherson (Edinburgh Northern and Leith) (SNP)

\*Ruth Maguire (Cunninghame South) (SNP)

\*Adam Tomkins (Glasgow) (Con)

\*attended

**CLERK TO THE COMMITTEE**

Simon Watkins

**LOCATION**

The Adam Smith Room (CR5)



## Scottish Parliament

### Social Security Committee

*Thursday 23 November 2017*

*[Alison Johnstone opened the meeting at 09:00]*

#### Temporary Convener

**Alison Johnstone (Lothian) (Green):** Good morning, and welcome to the 23rd meeting in 2017 of the Social Security Committee. I remind everyone to turn mobile phones or other devices to silent mode, so that they do not interrupt the meeting. Apologies have been received from Pauline McNeill, who is attending a funeral.

Until we choose a convener, which we will do shortly, we do not have one. As our deputy convener is not present, we need to choose a temporary convener. Therefore, under rule 12.1, I am chairing the meeting for the purpose of choosing a temporary convener. Will someone nominate a temporary convener?

**Ben Macpherson (Edinburgh Northern and Leith) (SNP):** I nominate Alison Johnstone.

**Alison Johnstone:** Thank you. Are members happy for me to continue as a temporary convener until the committee appoints a convener?

**Members** *indicated agreement.*

#### Interests

09:00

**The Temporary Convener (Alison Johnstone):** I welcome Clare Adamson to the committee in place of Sandra White, and I invite her to declare any interests.

**Clare Adamson (Motherwell and Wishaw) (SNP):** I do not believe that I have any interests that are relevant to the committee.

## Convener

09:01

**The Temporary Convener:** Agenda item 3 is the choice of a convener. The Parliament has decided that members of the Scottish National Party are eligible to be chosen as convener. I invite a nomination for convener.

**George Adam (Paisley) (SNP):** I nominate Clare Adamson.

*Clare Adamson was chosen as convener.*

**The Convener (Clare Adamson):** Good morning, and thank you very much for the nomination. I am delighted to be here. Before we move into private session, I put on record my thanks to Sandra White, the former convener. I know that the committee has been very busy and has dealt with the Child Poverty (Scotland) Bill and has been working hard on the Social Security (Scotland) Bill. I thank Sandra for all her efforts and wish her well in her new duties in the Parliament.

We now move into private session.

09:02

*Meeting continued in private until 11:17.*



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