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19th Meeting 2018, Session 5

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*Tavish Scott (Shetland Islands) (LD)

*Liz Smith (Mid Scotland and Fife) (Con)

*attended

CLERK TO THE COMMITTEE

Roz Thomson

LOCATION

The Robert Burns Room (CR1)

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[The Convener opened the meeting at 10:00]

Decision on Taking Business in Private

The Convener (James Dornan): Good morning and welcome to the 19th meeting of the Education and Skills Committee in 2018.

Item 1 is a decision on whether the committee's consideration of its work programme next week will be taken in private. Are members content to take an item on our work programme in private next week?

Members *indicated agreement.*

Subordinate Legislation

10:00

The Convener: The next item of business is consideration of two pieces of subordinate legislation, which are listed on the agenda and which are subject to the negative procedure. We will deal with each one in turn.

Edinburgh Napier University Amendment Order of Council 2018 (SSI 2018/170)

The Convener: Do members have any comments on the order of council?

Members: No.

Education (Fees and Student Support) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/171)

The Convener: On the regulations, the Scottish Government has highlighted that, when we considered a similar instrument last year, it said that it intended to consolidate and update the various pieces of secondary legislation that regulate student fees and support in the higher education sector in Scotland, with a view to ensuring greater clarity and consistency, and that it was waiting for the findings of the review of student support before doing so. Given the committee's interest in the area and its complexity, it would be helpful to seek confirmation from the Government that it is still its intention to consolidate. In addition, I suggest that we ask about timescales for that work and that the consolidation of subordinate legislation be accompanied by an accessible document setting out how fees and various means of support relate to each other. Does the committee agree to that suggestion?

Members *indicated agreement.*

The Convener: Do members have any comments on the regulations?

Members: No.

The Convener: That concludes the public part of the meeting. We now move into private session to discuss our report on poverty and attainment.

10:01

Meeting continued in private until 11:19.

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