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**COMMITTEE ON THE SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT HANDLING OF HARASSMENT  
COMPLAINTS  
4<sup>th</sup> Meeting 2019, Session 5**

**CONVENER**

\*Linda Fabiani (East Kilbride) (SNP)

**DEPUTY CONVENER**

\*Margaret Mitchell (Central Scotland) (Con)

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

\*Dr Alasdair Allan (Na h-Eileanan an Iar) (SNP)

\*Jackie Baillie (Dumbarton) (Lab)

\*Donald Cameron (Highlands and Islands) (Con)

\*Alex Cole-Hamilton (Edinburgh Western) (LD)

\*Angela Constance (Almond Valley) (SNP)

\*Alison Johnstone (Lothian) (Green)

\*Maureen Watt (Aberdeen South and North Kincardine) (SNP)

\*attended

**LOCATION**

The Adam Smith Room (CR5)



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*[The Convener opened the meeting at 17:15]*

#### Decision on Taking Business in Private

**The Convener (Linda Fabiani):** Welcome to the fourth meeting in 2019 of the Committee on the Scottish Government Handling of Harassment Complaints. I ask all those present to turn off any electronic devices that might interfere with proceedings.

Under agenda item 1, I ask members to agree to take item 2 in private, to allow us to consider letters from the First Minister and the permanent secretary to the Scottish Government. As members will know, both letters have already been circulated and published online.

If members so agree, and as I have done at previous meetings of the committee, I intend then to move the meeting back into public session, to announce any decisions that the committee might have taken during its discussions in private.

**Members indicated agreement.**

17:15

*Meeting continued in private.*

18:06

*On resuming—*

#### Approach to the Committee's Inquiry

**The Convener:** Agenda item 3 concerns the approach to the committee's inquiry. We have just had a full discussion in which we considered the letters that had come from the First Minister and the permanent secretary. Members have agreed that we will write to both the First Minister and the permanent secretary for clarification and also for further information from the permanent secretary with regard to the retrieval of information.

The committee also agreed that its next meeting will be on 20 June.

*Meeting closed at 18:07.*



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