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EQUALITIES AND HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

2nd Meeting 2021, Session 5

CONVENER

*Ruth Maguire (Cunninghame South) (SNP)

DEPUTY CONVENER

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

*Mary Fee (West Scotland) (Lab)

*Joe FitzPatrick (Dundee City West) (SNP)

*Alison Harris (Central Scotland) (Con)

*Gillian Martin (Aberdeenshire East) (SNP)

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

*attended

CLERK TO THE COMMITTEE

Claire Menzies

LOCATION

Virtual Meeting

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[The Convener opened the meeting at 09:00]

Impact of Covid-19 on Equalities and Human Rights

The Convener (Ruth Maguire): Good morning, and welcome to the third meeting in 2021 of the Equalities and Human Rights Committee.

Agenda item 1 was to be a follow-up evidence session on our pre-budget scrutiny for 2021-22 of the impact of Covid-19 on equalities and human rights. Unfortunately, the minister is unable to join us this morning. Given the time constraints flowing from where we are in the parliamentary session, I ask whether members are content that the committee follow up that item with the Scottish Government in writing.

I see that members are nodding their heads, so that is how we will proceed.

Subordinate Legislation

**Civil Partnership (Scotland) Act 2020
(Commencement No 2) Regulations 2020
(SSI 2020/457)**

**Civil Partnership (Scotland) Act 2020
(Commencement No 3, Saving and
Transitional Provision) Regulations 2021
(SSI 2021/23)**

09:00

The Convener: Agenda item 2 is consideration of subordinate legislation. The first instrument for consideration is the Civil Partnership (Scotland) Act 2020 (Commencement No 2) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/457). This Scottish statutory instrument commences aspects of the Civil Partnership (Scotland) Act 2020 and is before the committee for members' reference only.

The second instrument is the Civil Partnership (Scotland) Act 2020 (Commencement No 3, Saving and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/23), which is subject to the negative procedure. I refer members to a paper by the clerk, which notes that the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee considered the regulations at its meeting on 26 January 2021 and noted that they had not been laid within the required timescales. In its report to the Parliament dated 29 January 2021, the DPLR Committee noted that it is content with the explanation that the Scottish Government provided for not meeting those timescales.

Any member who wishes to comment should type their request in the chat function.

No member has indicated that they wish to comment. We are therefore agreed that members are content with the instrument.

That concludes the public part of our meeting. The committee's next meeting will be on 11 February 2021, when we will consider the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill at stage 2.

Meeting closed at 09:02.

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