

# **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

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## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

### **9<sup>th</sup> Meeting 2005, Session 2**

#### **CONVENER**

\*Des McNulty (Clydebank and Milngavie) (Lab)

#### **DEPUTY CONVENER**

\*Alasdair Morgan (South of Scotland) (SNP)

#### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Ms Wendy Alexander (Paisley North) (Lab)

Mr Andrew Arbuckle (Mid Scotland and Fife) (LD)

\*Mr Ted Brocklebank (Mid Scotland and Fife) (Con)

\*Jim Mather (Highlands and Islands) (SNP)

\*Mr Frank McAveety (Glasgow Shettleston) (Lab)

\*Dr Elaine Murray (Dumfries) (Lab)

\*John Swinburne (Central Scotland) (SSCUP)

#### **COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTES**

Gordon Jackson (Glasgow Govan) (Lab)

David Mundell (South of Scotland) (Con)

Alex Neil (Central Scotland) (SNP)

Iain Smith (North East Fife) (LD)

\*attended



## Scottish Parliament

### Finance Committee

*Tuesday 15 March 2005*

[THE CONVENER *opened the meeting at 10:33*]

### Financial Memoranda

**The Convener (Des McNulty):** I welcome the press and public to the ninth meeting of the Finance Committee in 2005. I remind members to turn off pagers and mobile phones. We have received apologies from Wendy Alexander. Alasdair Morgan will join us later; he is giving evidence to the Procedures Committee.

The first item on our agenda is to consider what level of scrutiny should be applied to the financial memoranda to two bills: the Management of Offenders etc (Scotland) Bill and the Housing (Scotland) Bill. Members have received from the clerk a paper that outlines potential timescales, which are reasonably tight. There is also a paper on each bill. It is proposed that we apply level 2 scrutiny to both; is that agreed?

**Members** *indicated agreement.*

**The Convener:** I regret to say to the public and press that the remainder of our meeting will be held in private. Thank you for coming.

10:34

*Meeting continued in private until 12:17.*



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