

FINANCE COMMITTEE

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2nd Meeting 2007, Session 3

CONVENER

*Andrew Welsh (Angus) (SNP)

DEPUTY CONVENER

*Elaine Murray (Dumfries) (Lab)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

*Derek Brownlee (South of Scotland) (Con)

*Joe FitzPatrick (Dundee West) (SNP)

*James Kelly (Glasgow Rutherglen) (Lab)

*Liam McArthur (Orkney) (LD)

*Tom McCabe (Hamilton South) (Lab)

*Alex Neil (Central Scotland) (SNP)

SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

Roseanna Cunningham (Perth) (SNP)

Ross Finnie (West of Scotland) (LD)

*attended

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Committee Room 2

Scottish Parliament

Finance Committee

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[THE CONVENER *opened the meeting at 14:00*]

Interests

The Convener (Andrew Welsh): I welcome everyone to the second meeting of the Finance Committee in the third session of the Scottish Parliament and ask all those with mobile phones and pagers to turn them off.

Moving to agenda item 1, I ask Tom McCabe and Alex Neil, who were unable to attend last week's meeting, to declare any interests that are relevant to the committee.

Tom McCabe (Hamilton South) (Lab): I have no registrable interests other than those that I have declared in the register of members' interests.

Alex Neil (Central Scotland) (SNP): I, too, have nothing to declare other than what is in the register. However, I believe that my entry is being updated, because I have recently been appointed to the board of the Scottish Parliament and Business Exchange. I am also on the boards of Scotland's Futures Forum and the Scotland Funds, both of which are not for profit.

The Convener: That is appreciated.

As agreed last week, we will now move into private for item 2, which is our discussion of potential candidates for the position of budget adviser to the committee.

14:01

Meeting continued in private until 14:51.

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