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FINANCE COMMITTEE

5th Meeting 2008, Session 3

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DEPUTY CONVENER

*Elaine Murray (Dumfries) (Lab)

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*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)

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Ross Finnie (West of Scotland) (LD)

Murdo Fraser (Mid Scotland and Fife) (Con)

Peter Peacock (Highlands and Islands) (Lab)

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Committee Room 1

Scottish Parliament

Finance Committee

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[THE CONVENER *opened the meeting at 14:01*]

Decision on Taking Business in Private

The Convener (Andrew Welsh): Welcome to the Finance Committee's fifth meeting in 2008, in the third session of the Scottish Parliament. I ask everyone to turn off their mobile phones or pagers. Even on standby, they interfere with the broadcasting system, so please turn them all off.

Agenda item 1 is a decision on whether to take in private item 3, which is a discussion on our work programme. I propose that we take the item in private as we will consider possible witnesses for inquiries and will receive a briefing from our adviser. Is that agreed?

Members indicated agreement.

Judiciary and Courts (Scotland)

Bill: Financial Memorandum

14:02

The Convener: Item 2 is consideration of our approach to scrutinising the financial memorandum to the Judiciary and Courts (Scotland) Bill. Committee members will see from the clerk's paper that it is suggested that we adopt level 1 scrutiny, which would involve seeking written evidence from the Lord President, the Judicial Appointments Board for Scotland and the Scottish Court Service. As with the Public Health etc (Scotland) Bill, if issues are raised in written evidence that suggest that the committee should re-examine the financial memorandum, we can reconsider it at a future meeting. Do committee members agree with that approach?

Members indicated agreement.

The Convener: As agreed, we now move into private to consider our work programme.

14:03

Meeting continued in private until 15:42.

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