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19th Meeting 2025, Session 6

CONVENER

*Collette Stevenson (East Kilbride) (SNP)

DEPUTY CONVENER

*Bob Doris (Glasgow Maryhill and Springburn) (SNP)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

*Jeremy Balfour (Lothian) (Con)

Mark Griffin (Central Scotland) (Lab)

*Gordon MacDonald (Edinburgh Pentlands) (SNP)

*Marie McNair (Clydebank and Milngavie) (SNP)

Paul O’Kane (West Scotland) (Lab)

*Liz Smith (Mid Scotland and Fife) (Con)

*attended

THE FOLLOWING ALSO PARTICIPATED:

Carol Mochan (South Scotland) (Lab) (Committee Substitute)

CLERK TO THE COMMITTEE

Diane Barr

LOCATION

The Mary Fairfax Somerville Room (CR2)

Scottish Parliament
**Social Justice and Social
Security Committee**

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[The Convener opened the meeting at 09:00]

**Decision on Taking Business in
Private**

The Convener (Collette Stevenson): Good morning, and welcome to the 19th meeting in 2025 of the Social Justice and Social Security Committee. We have apologies from Mark Griffin and Paul O’Kane, and I welcome Carol Mochan to the meeting.

Our first item of business is a decision on taking business in private. Do we agree to take items 2, 3 and 4 in private.

Members *indicated agreement.*

The Convener: Before we move into private session, I would like to place on record the committee’s thanks to Gordon MacDonald for his contribution to the committee’s work over the past seven months. I understand that this is to be Gordon’s last meeting with us. We wish you all the very best.

Gordon MacDonald (Edinburgh Pentlands) (SNP): Thank you.

The Convener: We now move into private.

09:00

Meeting continued in private until 11:16.

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