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**SOCIAL JUSTICE AND SOCIAL SECURITY COMMITTEE**  
**19<sup>th</sup> 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)



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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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