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7th Meeting 2003, Session 2

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Shona Robison (Dundee East) (SNP)

*Mike Rumbles (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine) (LD)

*Dr Jean Turner (Strathkelvin and Bearsden) (Ind)

*attended

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[THE CONVENER opened the meeting at 14:03]

The Convener (Christine Grahame): I welcome everyone to the seventh meeting of the Health Committee in the second session of Parliament. We have received apologies from Shona Robison and we welcome Sandra White, who is attending as the SNP substitute.

Items in Private

The Convener: Item 1 on the agenda is to consider whether to discuss in private items 3 and 4 for the following reasons. Item 3 will be a briefing by the committee adviser on the budget and discussion of possible witnesses and lines of questioning. Does the committee agree to discuss that item in private?

Members indicated agreement.

The Convener: Item 4 is the draft report on stage 1 of the Primary Medical Services (Scotland) Bill. As we are all aware, draft reports are usually discussed in private; the final stage 1 report will be public.

Mike Rumbles (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine) (LD): I am sorry—I did not catch what you said at the end.

The Convener: I said that draft reports are usually discussed in private, but the final report is in the public domain.

Mike Rumbles: Can I comment on that?

The Convener: Of course.

Mike Rumbles: You are correct to say that stage 1 reports are usually discussed in private; however, they are not always discussed in private. I understand that the majority of the committee probably want to discuss the item in private, but I flag up for future reference that I would like us to try at some stage to discuss stage 1 reports in open session if that is at all possible. I understand, however, if members want to discuss this item in private session.

The Convener: I hear what Mike Rumbles is saying—we could discuss the matter at some point. Do members agree to discuss this draft report in private?

Members indicated agreement.

Subordinate Legislation

**Collagen and Gelatine
(Intra-Community Trade) (Scotland)
Amendment Regulations 2003
(SSI 2003/328)**

**National Health Service
(Compensation for Premature Retirement)
(Scotland) Regulations 2003 (SSI 2003/344)**

**National Health Service
(Travelling Expenses and Remission of
Charges) (Scotland) Regulations 2003
(SSI 2003/376)**

**Food (Hot Chilli and Hot Chilli Products)
(Emergency Control) (Scotland)
Regulations 2003 (SSI 2003/382)**

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(Scotland) Regulations 2003 (SSI 2003/396)**

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Allowances (Scotland) Amendment
Regulations 2003 (SSI 2003/401)**

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(Intra-Community Trade) (Scotland)
Amendment (No 2) Regulations 2003
(SSI 2003/405)**

14:04

The Convener: We now move on to item 2, which is subordinate legislation. The instruments that are before the committee are all subject to the negative procedure.

The committee will be delighted to learn that we have resolved the issue of reading all of the instruments' titles out aloud. I have only to read out the statutory instrument numbers for the seven instruments.

No members' comments have been received in relation to Scottish statutory instrument 2003/328, SSI 2003/344, SSI 2003/376, SSI 2003/382, SSI 2003/396, SSI 2003/401 SSI 2003/405. The Subordinate Legislation Committee has no comments in relation to SSI 2003/328, SSI 2003/401 or SSI 2003/405.

The Subordinate Legislation Committee has commented on SSI 2003/344, SSI 2003/376, SSI 2003/382 and SSI 2003/396; members have those comments in committee paper HC/S2/03/07/01.

No motion to annul has been lodged in respect of any of the instruments. The recommendation is that the committee does not wish to make any recommendation in relation to the seven instruments. Are we all agreed?

Members *indicated agreement.*

The Convener: We now move into private session, so I ask the vast number of members of the public who are sitting listening to the meeting to leave. [*Laughter.*] There is no one.

14:06

Meeting continued in private until 15:24.

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