

HEALTH COMMITTEE

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HEALTH COMMITTEE

11th Meeting 2006, Session 2

CONVENER

*Roseanna Cunningham (Perth) (SNP)

DEPUTY CONVENER

*Janis Hughes (Glasgow Rutherglen) (Lab)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

*Helen Eadie (Dunfermline East) (Lab)
*Kate Maclean (Dundee West) (Lab)
*Mr Duncan McNeil (Greenock and Inverclyde) (Lab)
*Mrs Nanette Milne (North East Scotland) (Con)
*Shona Robison (Dundee East) (SNP)
*Euan Robson (Roxburgh and Berwickshire) (LD)
*Dr Jean Turner (Strathkelvin and Bearsden) (Ind)

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTES

Mr Kenneth Macintosh (Eastwood) (Lab)
Mr Stewart Maxwell (West of Scotland) (SNP)

*attended

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Committee Room 3

Scottish Parliament

Health Committee

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

Items in Private

The Convener (Roseanna Cunningham): Item 1 is consideration of whether to take items 5 and 6 in private. Item 5 is consideration of a draft report on the committee's inquiry into care for the elderly and item 6 is consideration of additional information that relates to the committee's work programme. It is normal practice for committees to consider draft reports and work programme issues in private. Do members agree to take items 5 and 6 in private?

Members indicated agreement.

Health Board Elections (Scotland) Bill

14:01

The Convener: Item 2 is consideration of our approach to stage 1 of the Health Board Elections (Scotland) Bill. We agreed a timetable at our most recent meeting, but prior to the formal commencement of stage 1 the committee is invited to agree to issue a call for evidence on the general principles of the bill and to consider whether we want to write directly to relevant organisations.

A paper has been circulated, appendices to which set out a draft call for evidence and a provisional list of stakeholders who we might invite to submit evidence. In paragraph 7 it is proposed that we issue a call for written evidence, based on the draft in appendix 1, formally invite written submissions, set a deadline of Friday 25 August for the receipt of written submissions and instruct the clerks to prepare a paper that identifies possible witnesses for oral evidence sessions after the summer recess. If members have no comments, are you content to follow the recommendations in paragraph 7?

Members indicated agreement.

Subordinate Legislation

Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003 (Transitional and Savings Provisions) Amendment Order 2006 (SSI 2006/221)

14:02

The Convener: Item 3 is subordinate legislation. The Subordinate Legislation Committee raised no issue on the order and no motion to annul has been lodged. Are we agreed that the committee will make no recommendation on the order?

Members indicated agreement.

Annual Report

14:02

The Convener: Members have a draft copy of the committee's annual report for 2005-06, which provides an overview of the work that we have done during the past year. We are required to agree the report before it is sent for publication next week. If I remember rightly, the template for such reports is fairly strict, so we have limited flexibility to make much change. I invite members' comments on the draft report.

Dr Jean Turner (Strathkelvin and Bearsden)

(Ind): There is a typographical error in paragraph 7, on hepatitis C, which should conclude "be held" rather than "by held".

The Convener: Okay. If there are no further comments, do members agree to publish the annual report?

Members indicated agreement.

The Convener: That ends the business in public.

14:03

Meeting continued in private until 15:54.

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