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DELEGATED POWERS AND LAW REFORM COMMITTEE
12th Meeting 2026, Session 6

CONVENER

*Stuart McMillan (Greenock and Inverclyde) (SNP)

DEPUTY CONVENER

*Bill Kidd (Glasgow Anniesland) (SNP)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

*Jeremy Balfour (Lothian) (Ind)

*Katy Clark (West Scotland) (Lab)

*Roz McCall (Mid Scotland and Fife) (Con)

*attended

CLERK TO THE COMMITTEE

Greg Black

LOCATION

The Adam Smith Room (CR5)

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[The Convener opened the meeting at 09:34]

Decision on Taking Business in Private

The Convener (Stuart McMillan): Welcome to the 12th meeting in 2026 of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, which is the final meeting of this parliamentary session. I remind everyone to switch off, or put to silent, their mobile phones and other electronic devices.

Agenda item 1 is a decision on taking business in private. Does the committee agree to take in private items 3 to 6?

Members *indicated agreement.*

Instruments not subject to Parliamentary Procedure

09:34

The Convener: Under agenda item 2, we are considering three instruments, on which no issues have been raised.

Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Act 2025 (Commencement No 2 and Saving Provisions) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/120 (C 12))

Vulnerable Witnesses (Criminal Evidence) (Scotland) Act 2019 (Commencement No 3 and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/136 (C 17))

His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education in Scotland (Appointment) Order 2026 (SSI 2026/138)

The Convener: Is the committee content that no reporting grounds are engaged?

Members *indicated agreement.*

The Convener: Before we move on to the private part of the meeting, I will say a few things, as this is the final meeting of this parliamentary session. I will deal with the MSPs in the first instance. I thank past and present committee members—it has been a privilege to work with you all. Bill Kidd is standing down and retiring, but four of us are, once again, putting our futures in the hands of the public, and I thank the other three of

you. We have worked well together as a team and in a collegiate fashion. You have certainly made my job that bit easier as convener of the committee, and I wish you well in the upcoming election.

Bill Kidd is the deputy convener, and he and I were elected in 2007. It has been a bit of a journey. I thank him not just for his engagement in the committee but for being a good friend and colleague. I wish you well in your retirement, Bill.

Bill Kidd (Glasgow Anniesland) (SNP): I might be retiring, but I am not shy.

The Convener: I think that everyone knows that.

I also thank the clerking and legal teams. Your work is excellent and it helps us, as MSPs, to do our job. It is fair to say that many people probably underestimate the role of this committee, possibly because they do not fully understand it. However, we, as a committee, certainly in this parliamentary session, have had an outstanding team helping the MSPs. I thank each and every one of you.

It has been a genuine privilege to chair the committee. Thank you very much, everyone.

09:36

Meeting continued in private until 09:37.

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