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CONVENER

*Jenni Minto (Argyll and Bute) (SNP)

DEPUTY CONVENER

*Tim Eagle (Highlands and Islands) (Con)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

*Jackie Baillie (Dumbarton) (Lab)

*Steven Bonnar (Uddingston and Bellshill) (SNP)

*Mark Simpson (North East Scotland) (Reform)

*attended

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The Alexander Fleming Room (CR3)

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[The Convener opened the meeting at 09:01]

Decision on Taking Business in Private

The Convener (Jenni Minto): Good morning, and welcome to the third meeting of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee in session 7. Our first agenda item is a decision on whether to take items 2, 3 and 4 in private. Item 2 is consideration of a report from the Ethical Standards Commissioner; item 3 is consideration of a request for a direction from the Ethical Standards Commissioner; and item 4 is consideration of our work programme.

Do members agree to take those items in private?

Members indicated agreement.

Tim Eagle (Highlands and Islands) (Con): May I make a comment?

The Convener: You may, Tim.

Tim Eagle: I have been saying this ever since I was a councillor, but I always think that things are best done in public whenever possible. Therefore, I want to double-check with the clerks whether it is normal for a matter such as that on page 10 of our notes to be taken in private and that it is not something that we are doing in an extreme circumstance because, when we get a report like this, it would always be discussed initially in private.

The Convener: That is absolutely correct.

Tim Eagle: I would like that to be on the record, because I think that matters should be discussed in public as much as they can be.

The Convener: You have clearly put that on the record. Thank you very much for that, Tim.

That concludes our business in public.

09:02

Meeting continued in private until 09:50.

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