

JUSTICE 1 COMMITTEE AND JUSTICE 2 COMMITTEE (JOINT MEETING)

Tuesday 2 September 2003
(*Afternoon*)

Session 2

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CONVENER

*Pauline McNeill (Glasgow Kelvin) (Lab)

DEPUTY CONVENER

*Mr Stewart Maxwell (West of Scotland) SNP

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

*Bill Butler (Glasgow Anniesland) (Lab)
*Marlyn Glen (North East Scotland) (Lab)
*Michael Matheson (Central Scotland) (SNP)
*Margaret Mitchell (Central Scotland) (Con)
*Mrs Margaret Smith (Edinburgh West) (LD)

*attended

CLERK TO THE COMMITTEE

Alison Taylor

SENIOR ASSISTANT CLERK

Claire Menzies Smith

ASSISTANT CLERK

Douglas Thornton

LOCATION

Committee Room 3

JUSTICE 2 COMMITTEE **3rd Meeting 2003, Session 2**

CONVENER

*Miss Annabel Goldie (West of Scotland) (Con)

DEPUTY CONVENER

*Karen Whitefield (Airdrie and Shotts) (Lab)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

*Jackie Baillie (Dumbarton) (Lab)
*Scott Barrie (Dunfermline West) (Lab)
*Colin Fox (Lothians) (SSP)
*Mike Pringle (Edinburgh South) (LD)
*Nicola Sturgeon (Glasgow) (SNP)

*attended

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Scottish Parliament

Justice 1 Committee and Justice 2 Committee (Joint Meeting)

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[THE CONVENER *opened the meeting at 14:02*]

Item in Private

The Convener (Miss Annabel Goldie): Ladies and gentlemen, I welcome you to this joint meeting of the Justice 1 Committee and the Justice 2 Committee. I hope that you had a pleasant break over the recess and are steeled for the challenges ahead.

The purpose of the meeting is simply to consider our approach to the budget process for 2004-05. Members will see from the agenda that we have to determine whether to take two matters in private: item 2 and a related future discussion on potential witnesses.

Before we have any discussion on the appointment of an adviser, I advise that I found on reading the papers that one of the nominees for the post is well known to me. For that reason, I state publicly that I will not participate in any decision making concerning the nominations for the post of adviser or the order of preference of the nominees. However, I shall be happy to convene the meeting and leave the rest of you to bring your great collective wisdom to bear to arrive at a decision.

The first matter to determine is whether item 2 on the agenda should be considered in private. Is it agreed to take that item in private?

Members *indicated agreement.*

The Convener: We should also deal with the second aspect of item 1 now. I ask members to agree that any discussion concerning potential witnesses for the budget process should also be taken in private. Are we agreed?

Members *indicated agreement.*

14:04

Meeting continued in private until 14:09.

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