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6th Meeting 2002, Session 1

CONVENER

*Pauline McNeill (Glasgow Kelvin) (Lab)

DEPUTY CONVENER

*Bill Aitken (Glasgow) (Con)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

*Scott Barrie (Dunfermline West) (Lab)

Mr Duncan Hamilton (Highlands and Islands) (SNP)

George Lyon (Argyll and Bute) (LD)

*Mr Alasdair Morrison (Western Isles) (Lab)

*Stewart Stevenson (Banff and Buchan) (SNP)

*attended

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Committee Room 4

Scottish Parliament

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[THE CONVENER *opened the meeting at 10:06*]

The Convener (Pauline McNeill): I remind members to turn off mobile phones. I have not received any apologies, but I know that Scott Barrie will be late because his wee cat is not well.

Mr Alasdair Morrison (Western Isles) (Lab): What was that?

The Convener: His wee cat is not well, so he has a special dispensation to be late.

We are a bit tight for time because of business in the chamber. The latest that we are supposed to finish is 11.30 am, but we will try to finish sooner than that.

There is one matter under the convener's report. The Damages (Personal Injury) (Scotland) Order 2002 (SSI 2002/46) is likely to be referred to the committee. I propose that we deal with it on 6 March, which is the earliest opportunity.

Items in Private

The Convener: Item 1 on the agenda is to agree to take item 2, which is a discussion of the emerging findings of the inquiry into the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service, in private. Do members agree to take that item in private?

Members indicated agreement.

The Convener: Do members agree to consider item 3, on the committee's forward work programme, in private?

Members indicated agreement.

The Convener: The next meeting will be on 27 February. The committee will take further evidence on the Sexual Offences (Procedure and Evidence) (Scotland) Bill. After we considered the amendments to the bill, the Executive presented more amendments on previous convictions. We will hear from Professor Chris Gane and the Law Society of Scotland. That will give us a chance to consider the Executive amendments before we move to stage 3.

We will also consider petition PE336, on asbestosis victims, and the draft report on stage 1 of the Land Reform (Scotland) Bill.

10:08

Meeting continued in private until 11:35.

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