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JUSTICE COMMITTEE **26th Meeting 2009, Session 3**

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[THE CONVENER *opened the meeting at 10:17*]

Decision on Taking Business in Private

The Convener (Bill Aitken): Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. I remind everyone to switch off mobile phones. A full turnout of the committee is anticipated and there are no apologies.

The committee is asked to decide whether it wishes to take in private item 3, which is a briefing on the draft budget, from the budget adviser Eddie Frizzell and the Scottish Parliament information centre, in consideration of its approach to the scrutiny of the draft budget. It is standard practice to take that in private; does the committee agree to do so?

Members indicated agreement.

Subordinate Legislation

Legal Aid (Supreme Court) (Scotland) Regulations 2009 (SSI 2009/312)

10:18

The Convener: Item 2 is consideration of one negative instrument. The Subordinate Legislation Committee raised an issue with the Scottish Government relating to the removal of a reference. It received a response with which it was satisfied—namely that the removal of the reference corrected a previous error and was not a policy change.

The regulations seem fairly straightforward. If members have no comments, are they content to note the regulations?

Members indicated agreement.

The Convener: That concludes the public part of the meeting.

10:19

Meeting continued in private until 16:35.

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