

REVIEW OF SPCB SUPPORTED BODIES COMMITTEE

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1st Meeting 2008, Session 3

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*Jackson Carlaw (West of Scotland) (Con)

*Ross Finnie (West of Scotland) (LD)

*Joe Fitz Patrick (Dundee West) (SNP)

*Jamie Hepburn (Central Scotland) (SNP)

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Scottish Parliament

Review of SPCB Supported Bodies Committee

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[THE OLDEST COMMITTEE MEMBER *opened the meeting at 12:00*]

Interests

Trish Godman (Oldest Committee Member): It is exactly 12 o'clock; it is good to start the meeting on time. I welcome everyone to the first meeting of the Review of SPCB Supported Bodies Committee. I have received apologies from Johann Lamont. I remind members to switch off their mobile phones, BlackBerrys, any wee tape players that they might have hidden in their pockets and suchlike.

Agenda item 1 is declaration of interests. Members have received a note on the process, which is in accordance with section 3 of the code of conduct for members of the Scottish Parliament. I invite members to declare any interests that are relevant to the remit of the committee. I will start with myself: I have no interests to declare.

Jamie Hepburn (Central Scotland) (SNP): I have nothing to declare beyond what is publicly available in my entry in the register of members' interests.

Ross Finnie (West of Scotland) (LD): I have no relevant interests to declare.

Joe FitzPatrick (Dundee West) (SNP): I have no relevant interests to declare.

Jackson Carlaw (West of Scotland) (Con): I have no relevant interests to declare.

Convener

12:01

Trish Godman: Item 2 is our choice of convener. On 13 November, the Parliament agreed to motion S3M-2870 and therefore resolved that members of the Labour Party are eligible to be chosen as convener of the committee.

Members will have noted from the other committees of which they are members that the oldest committee member starts off the first meeting, and I am the oldest member in the room. Indeed, it could be argued that I am the oldest member in the whole building, but I would rather that we did not go there.

I invite nominations for the position of convener.

Joe FitzPatrick: I nominate Trish Godman.

Trish Godman was chosen as convener.

The Convener (Trish Godman): Thank you for that—I hope that I can still thank you for it at the end of the whole process.

Deputy Convener

12:02

The Convener: Item 3 is our choice of deputy convener. Under the same motion, the Parliament resolved that members of the Scottish National Party are eligible to be chosen as deputy convener of the committee. I invite nominations for the position.

Joe FitzPatrick: I nominate Jamie Hepburn.

Jamie Hepburn was chosen as deputy convener.

Witness Expenses

12:02

The Convener: Item 4 is on witness expenses. It concerns the delegation to the convener—to me—of responsibility for arranging for the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body to pay any witness expenses that arise during the committee's review. I seek members' agreement that I deal with that.

Members *indicated agreement.*

Decision on Taking Business in Private

12:02

The Convener: Item 5 is a decision on taking in private item 6, to enable us to consider our initial approach to our review of SPCB Supported bodies. As members will be aware, that approach is in line with usual practice in committees. I will try to make our committee meetings as public as possible, but our decisions today will appear in the minute anyway.

Do members agree to take in private agenda item 6?

Members *indicated agreement.*

The Convener: I ask members of the public to leave.

12:03

Meeting continued in private until 12:31.

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