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SCOTTISH PARLIAMENTARY STANDARDS COMMISSIONER BILL COMMITTEE 1st Meeting 2002, Session 1

THE OLDEST COMMITTEE MEMBER

*Donald Gorrie (Central Scotland) (LD)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

*Sarah Boyack (Edinburgh Central) (Lab)

*Bruce Crawford (Mid Scotland and Fife) (SNP)

*Lord James Douglas-Hamilton (Lothians) (Con)

*Mr Kenny MacAskill (Lothians) (SNP)

*Mr Kenneth Macintosh (Eastwood) (Lab)

*Maureen Macmillan (Highlands and Islands) (Lab)

*attended

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LOCATION

Committee Room 4

Scottish Parliament

Scottish Parliamentary Standards Commissioner Bill Committee

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[THE OLDEST COMMITTEE MEMBER *opened the meeting at 10:00*]

Interests

Donald Gorrie (Oldest Committee Member): I have been appointed to start off the meeting, as I have the great honour of being the committee's oldest member. First, I must invite anyone who has a relevant interest to declare it. We do not have to invite every member to make a declaration, but if anyone has an interest that is relevant to the committee's work, they should declare it now. No one has a relevant declaration of interest to make.

I was speaking as you came in, Maureen. Do you have a relevant interest to declare?

Maureen Macmillan (Highlands and Islands) (Lab): No.

Convener

Donald Gorrie: Secondly, the committee must choose a convener. Under the rules on the allocation of conveners that have been laid down by the Parliament, the convener of the committee will come from the Scottish National Party group. I invite nominations.

Lord James Douglas-Hamilton (Lothians) (Con): I nominate Bruce Crawford for the post of convener.

Donald Gorrie: As no other names have been put forward, I declare that Bruce Crawford has been chosen as the committee's convener. That ends my brief moment of glory.

Bruce Crawford was chosen as convener.

Maureen Macmillan: May I get a cup of coffee, convener?

The Convener (Bruce Crawford): The meeting will close very shortly.

I thank members very much for accepting my nomination as convener. Although the committee will have a short life, it will be important.

Deputy Convener

The Convener: The Parliament has agreed, on a Parliamentary Bureau motion, that the deputy convener of the committee will be chosen from the Labour party. I invite nominations for the position of deputy convener.

Sarah Boyack (Edinburgh Central) (Lab): I nominate Ken Macintosh.

The Convener: As there are no other nominations, I congratulate Ken Macintosh, who is now the deputy convener. I am sure that he is delighted about that. I presume that the committee agrees that we choose him as our deputy convener.

Mr Kenneth Macintosh was chosen as deputy convener.

Meeting closed at 10:03.

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