

# **STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

Wednesday 9 February 2000  
*(Morning)*

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### **STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting 2000, Session 1**

##### **CONVENER**

\*Mr Mike Rumbles (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine) (LD)

##### **DEPUTY CONVENER**

\*Tricia Marwick (Mid Scotland and Fife) (SNP)

##### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

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

\*Patricia Ferguson (Glasgow Maryhill) (Lab)

Karen Gillon (Clydesdale) (Lab)

Mr Adam Ingram (South of Scotland) (SNP)

\*Des McNulty (Clydebank and Milngavie) (Lab)

\*attended

##### **THE FOLLOWING MEMBER ALSO ATTENDED:**

Christine Grahame (South of Scotland) (SNP)

##### **CLERK TEAM LEADER**

Vanessa Glynn

##### **ASSISTANT CLERK**

Alastair Goudie

##### **LOCATION**

Committee Room 4



## Scottish Parliament

### Standards Committee

*Wednesday 9 February 2000*

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[THE CONVENER *opened the meeting at 09:32*]

**The Convener (Mr Mike Rumbles):** Good morning. I have received apologies from Adam Ingram, who cannot be with us this morning. We welcome Christine Grahame to the meeting.

I expect this to be our quickest meeting, if we hurry up.

### Cross-party Groups

**The Convener:** Our first agenda item is consideration of applications for recognition of cross-party groups. There are three applications before us, and members have copies of the forms submitted.

We will take the applications in order, the first of which is from the Scottish Parliament cross-party oil and gas group. Do members have any comments on the application?

**Lord James Douglas-Hamilton (Lothians) (Con):** It seems entirely in order. A large number of members from several parties wish to join the group.

**Tricia Marwick (Mid Scotland and Fife) (SNP):** It seems fine.

**The Convener:** Do members have any comments on the second application, which is from the cross-party group on older people, age and aging?

**Lord James Douglas-Hamilton:** I think that my earlier comments apply. A large number of members from all parties wish to join. The application seems in order.

**The Convener:** Before I ask members whether they have any comments on the third application, which is from the Borders rail cross-party group, I will ask Christine Grahame whether she has anything to say about the application.

**Christine Grahame (South of Scotland) (SNP):** I simply want to apologise for my handwriting. We thought that the feasibility study was coming out today, so we had to rush to make the group conform to the rules and to submit the application in time. It was all done within 24 hours after intimation.

**The Convener:** Do members have any comments on the application?

**Tricia Marwick:** It seems fine. There is cross-party support on the issue.

**The Convener:** Okay. I will ask the clerks to write to the convener of each cross-party group and to let them know formally that we have approved the three applications.

**Christine Grahame:** Are the groups functioning as of now?

**The Convener:** Yes.

**Christine Grahame:** Thank you.

### Code of Conduct

**The Convener:** The second item on the agenda is to consider the motion that will be lodged on behalf of the committee, seeking the Parliament's approval, following debate on 17 February, of our proposed code of conduct. Is the proposed text of the motion agreed?

**Members indicated agreement.**

**The Convener:** If members have no other comments, I will close the meeting.

*Meeting closed at 09:35.*



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