

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

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CONVENER

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

DEPUTY CONVENER

Tricia Marwick (Mid Scotland and Fife) (SNP)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

*Susan Deacon (Edinburgh East and Musselburgh) (Lab)

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

*Mr Kenneth Macintosh (Eastwood) (Lab)

Paul Martin (Glasgow Springburn) (Lab)

Kay Ullrich (West of Scotland) (SNP)

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTES

Karen Gillon (Clydesdale) (Lab)

Alex Johnstone (North-East Scotland) (Con)

Michael Russell (South of Scotland) (SNP)

*attended

CLERK TO THE COMMITTEE

Sam Jones

SENIOR ASSISTANT CLERK

Sarah Robertson

LOCATION

Committee Room 4

Scottish Parliament

Standards Committee

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[THE CONVENER *opened the meeting at 10:04*]

Acting Scottish Parliamentary Standards Commissioner

The Convener (Mr Mike Rumbles): Good morning and welcome to the second meeting this year of the Standards Committee. We have received apologies from Tricia Marwick, Kay Ullrich and Paul Martin.

Our first item this morning is to consider a draft direction to the standards commissioner. The direction is made under section 19 of the Scottish Parliamentary Standards Commissioner Act 2002 and deals with the transitional arrangements for complaints made before the act came into force. The direction provides for complaints that were in the process of being dealt with by the standards adviser to be handed over to the commissioner. Do members have any comments on the draft direction? Are members content with it?

Members indicated agreement.

The Convener: Our next item is consideration of our draft committee bill on members' interests. As agreed at our last meeting, we will take the item in private.

10:05

Meeting continued in private until 11:04.

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