

# **STANDARDS, PROCEDURES AND PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE**

Tuesday 24 March 2009

Session 3

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## STANDARDS, PROCEDURES AND PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

### † 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting 2009, Session 3

#### CONVENER

\*Gil Paterson (West of Scotland) (SNP)

#### DEPUTY CONVENER

Marilyn Livingstone (Kirkcaldy) (Lab)

#### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

\*Robert Brown (Glasgow) (LD)

\*Aileen Campbell (South of Scotland) (SNP)

\*Nanette Milne (North East Scotland) (Con)

\*Peter Peacock (Highlands and Islands) (Lab)

\*Dave Thompson (Highlands and Islands) (SNP)

#### COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTES

Alasdair Morgan (South of Scotland) (SNP)

Mary Mulligan (Linlithgow) (Lab)

Mike Rumbles (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine) (LD)

Elizabeth Smith (Mid Scotland and Fife) (Con)

\*attended

#### CLERKS TO THE COMMITTEE

Gillian Baxendine

Alison Walker

#### SENIOR ASSISTANT CLERKS

Mary Dinsdale

Jane Williams

#### ASSISTANT CLERK

Catherine Fergusson

#### LOCATION

Committee Room 6

† 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting 2009, Session 3—held in private.



## Scottish Parliament

### Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

*Tuesday 24 March 2009*

[THE CONVENER *opened the meeting at 14:52*]

### Decisions on Taking Business in Private

**The Convener (Gil Paterson):** I apologise to the clerking team for being a wee bit late in getting started—we had previous business. Thank you for bearing with us.

We have received apologies from Marilyn Livingstone. I welcome the other members of the committee to the fifth meeting in 2009 of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee.

Item 1 is a decision on whether to take in private items 3 and 4. Item 3 relates to a report from the Scottish Parliamentary Standards Commissioner, which contains confidential information. It is normal practice for the committee to take such items in private. Item 4 is a discussion on our work programme and our approach to correspondence that we have received. Do members agree to take those items in private?

**Members indicated agreement.**

**The Convener:** Item 2 is another decision on whether to take business in private. Does the committee agree to consider in private at our next meeting its review of section 2 of the code of conduct for members of the Scottish Parliament, on categories of registrable interests?

**Members indicated agreement.**

**The Convener:** Thank you. That concludes business in public—that was swift. I thank members of the public and parliamentary staff.

14:53

*Meeting continued in private until 15:59.*



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