

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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† 17th Meeting 2006, Session 2

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DEPUTY CONVENER

Lord James Douglas-Hamilton (Lothians) (Con)

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Ms Wendy Alexander (Paisley North) (Lab)

*Ms Rosemary Byrne (South of Scotland) (SSP)

*Fiona Hyslop (Lothians) (SNP)

Mr Adam Ingram (South of Scotland) (SNP)

*Mr Kenneth Macintosh (Eastwood) (Lab)

Mr Frank McAveety (Glasgow Shettleston) (Lab)

*Dr Elaine Murray (Dumfries) (Lab)

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Mr Jamie McGrigor (Highlands and Islands) (Con)

Mr Jamie Stone (Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross) (LD)

Mr Andrew Welsh (Angus) (SNP)

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Committee Room 5

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[THE CONVENER *opened the meeting at 10:00*]

Subordinate Legislation

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The Convener (Iain Smith): Good morning, colleagues, and welcome to the 17th meeting of the Education Committee in 2006. We have received apologies from Lord James Douglas-Hamilton and Adam Ingram and I presume that Wendy Alexander's apologies continue to apply.

Item 1 is subordinate legislation. There are five negative instruments to consider. No member indicated that they wished to ask the Scottish Executive about any issues relating to the regulations, so no Executive officials have been invited to the meeting. If members have any comments to make, they should make them now or forever hold their peace.

Mr Kenneth Macintosh (Eastwood) (Lab): The regulations are simply annual upgrades.

The Convener: Okay. Do members agree that there is nothing to report on the regulations?

Members *indicated agreement.*

Pupil Motivation Inquiry

10:02

The Convener: Item 2 is the pupil motivation inquiry. A response from the Executive has been circulated, which members should feel free to comment on. If members have no comments to make, we will simply note it.

Mr Macintosh: The details of the response simply explain what the Executive is doing, but its tone is obviously very positive. It might be worth pondering during the recess what else we can do, given that the committee and the Executive clearly agree on the importance of pupil motivation and progressing matters.

Dr Elaine Murray (Dumfries) (Lab): Are we likely to have a debate on the matter in the chamber?

The Convener: That is unlikely because there is a great deal of pressure on the remaining slots for committee debates. We have made a bid for time to debate the early years report and it is unlikely that we will get a second slot. Perhaps we can touch on the matter in our annual update meeting with the ministers, in which we can ask them to comment on progress. I note for the record that the committee has received written comments from Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, which have been circulated. As members have no other comments to make, we will note the response.

Before we go into private session, I thank members of the committee and the clerking team in particular for all the assistance that they have given me in my first year as convener of the committee. They have made it easier for me to cope with such a big subject. The year has been very enjoyable.

That concludes the public part of our final meeting before the summer recess.

10:03

Meeting continued in private until 10:34.

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