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COMMITTEE**

**1<sup>st</sup> Meeting 2010, Session 3**

**CONVENER**

\*Shirley-Anne Somerville (Lothians) (SNP)

**DEPUTY CONVENER**

\*David Stewart (Highlands and Islands) (Lab)

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

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

\*attended

**CLERK TO THE COMMITTEE**

Ruth McGill

**LOCATION**

Committee Room 3



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### William Simpson's Home (Transfer of Property etc) (Scotland) Bill Committee

*Tuesday 13 April 2010*

[The Oldest Committee Member *opened the meeting at 11:00*]

#### Interests

**Nanette Milne (Oldest Committee Member):** I welcome everyone to the first meeting of the William Simpson's Home (Transfer of Property etc) (Scotland) Bill Committee. I do not think that I need to remind the select company present to switch off their mobile phones and pagers.

The first item is declaration of interests, so in accordance with section 3 of the code of conduct for members of the Scottish Parliament I ask members to declare any interests that are relevant to the committee's remit. I will start by saying that I have no relevant interests to declare.

**Shirley-Anne Somerville (Lothians) (SNP):** I have no relevant interests to declare.

**David Stewart (Highlands and Islands) (Lab):** I have no relevant interests to declare.

**Nanette Milne:** I also invite members to declare their impartiality under rule 9A.5.4A of the standing orders. I will do that myself by declaring that, in my capacity as a member of the committee, I will act impartially and base my decisions solely on the evidence and information that is provided to the committee. I ask members to do likewise.

**Shirley-Anne Somerville:** I agree with that statement.

**David Stewart:** I also agree with that statement.

## Convener

11:01

**Nanette Milne:** That brings us to item 2, which is to choose the committee convener. As members know, Parliament has agreed that only members of the Scottish National Party are eligible for nomination as convener of the committee. I seek nominations for the post of convener.

**David Stewart:** I nominate Shirley-Anne Somerville.

*Shirley-Anne Somerville was chosen as convener.*

**Nanette Milne:** I hand over to Shirley-Anne and congratulate her on her appointment as convener.

## Deputy Convener

11:02

**The Convener (Shirley-Anne Somerville):** Thank you, Nanette. Item 3 is to choose the deputy convener. Members have before them a note from the clerk stating the procedure for selecting the deputy convener; it is similar to that for choosing the convener. Parliament has agreed that members of the Scottish Labour Party are eligible to be chosen as deputy convener of the committee. I invite nominations for the position of deputy convener.

**Nanette Milne (North East Scotland) (Con):** I am pleased to nominate David Stewart.

*David Stewart was chosen as deputy convener.*

## Witness Expenses

11:03

**The Convener:** Item 4 is a request for the committee to agree to delegate to me, under rule 12.4.3 of the standing orders, responsibility for arranging for the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body to pay any witness expenses that arise during the committee's consideration of the William Simpson's Home (Transfer of Property etc) (Scotland) Bill.

**Members** *indicated agreement.*

## **Decision on Taking Business in Private**

11:04

**The Convener:** Item 5 is consideration of whether to take in private item 6, under which the committee will consider its approach to the bill. Does the committee agree?

**Members** *indicated agreement.*

**The Convener:** That concludes the public part of the meeting.

11:04

*Meeting continued in private until 11:23.*





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