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SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE 15th Meeting 2010, Session 3

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Scottish Parliament

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[The Convener opened the meeting at 14:15]

Decision on Taking Business in Private

The Convener (Jamie Stone): Let us make a start. We have received apologies from Helen Eadie. We will see who else arrives.

I welcome everyone to the 15th meeting in 2010 of the Subordinate Legislation Committee. Can everyone turn off their mobile phones and BlackBerrys, please?

The first item is to decide whether, under agenda item 5, we discuss the content of our draft report on the Patient Rights (Scotland) Bill in private. Is that agreed?

Members indicated agreement.

Draft Instruments subject to Approval

Advice and Assistance and Civil Legal Aid (Transfer of Tribunal Functions) (No 2) (Scotland) Regulations 2010 (Draft)

Arbitration (Scotland) Act 2010 (Consequential Amendments) Order 2010 (Draft)

Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007 (Removal of Barred Individuals from Regulated Work) Regulations 2010 (Draft)

Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exclusions and Exceptions) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2010 (Draft)

14:15

The committee agreed that no points arose on the instruments.

Instruments subject to Annulment

Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007 (Prescribed Services) (Protected Adults) Regulations 2010 (SSI 2010/161)

Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007 (Fees for Scheme Membership and Disclosure Requests) Regulations 2010 (SSI 2010/167)

14:17

The Convener: We have two instruments subject to annulment. In relation to Scottish statutory instrument 2010/161, the committee might wish to report to the Parliament that the regulations could be clearer, in that the word "and" before

"provision of advice and assistance"

is intended to be "or". Do we agree to report that?

Members indicated agreement.

The Convener: The next question refers to both SSI 2010/161 and SSI 2010/167. The committee might wish to express the view that the Scottish Government should give the public 21 days' notice in advance of section 44 of the 2007 act, and consequently the regulations, coming into force. Can we agree that?

Members indicated agreement.

Advice and Assistance and Civil Legal Aid (Transfer of Tribunal Functions) (No 1) (Scotland) Regulations 2010 (SSI 2010/166)

Adoption Agencies (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2010 (SSI 2010/172)

Adoptions with a Foreign Element (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2010 (SSI 2010/173)

The committee agreed that no points arose on the instruments.

Guidance not subject to Parliamentary Procedure

Supporting Children's Learning Code of Practice (Revised Edition) 2010 (SG 2010/63)

14:18

The Convener: We might want to report that an explanation was sought from and provided by the Scottish Government as to how the consultation requirements on the draft code in section 27 of the Education (Additional Support for Learning) (Scotland) Act 2004 have been implemented. Do we agree to report that?

Members indicated agreement.

The Convener: Are we happy with the explanation that has been provided?

Members indicated agreement.

14:18

Meeting continued in private until 14:22.

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