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**19<sup>th</sup> Meeting 2010, Session 3**

**CONVENER**

\*Christine Grahame (South of Scotland) (SNP)

**DEPUTY CONVENER**

\*Ross Finnie (West of Scotland) (LD)

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

\*Helen Eadie (Dunfermline East) (Lab)

Rhoda Grant (Highlands and Islands) (Lab)

\*Michael Matheson (Falkirk West) (SNP)

\*Ian McKee (Lothians) (SNP)

\*Mary Scanlon (Highlands and Islands) (Con)

\*Dr Richard Simpson (Mid Scotland and Fife) (Lab)

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTES**

Joe FitzPatrick (Dundee West) (SNP)

\*Mr Frank McAveety (Glasgow Shettleston) (Lab)

Jamie McGrigor (Highlands and Islands) (Con)

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

\*attended

**CLERK TO THE COMMITTEE**

Douglas Wands

**LOCATION**

Committee Room 3



# Scottish Parliament

## Health and Sport Committee

*Wednesday 26 May 2010*

[The Convener *opened the meeting at 09:30*]

### Annual Report

**The Convener (Christine Grahame):** I welcome everyone to the 19<sup>th</sup> meeting in 2010 of the Health and Sport Committee and remind people to switch off mobile phones and other electronic equipment. We have received apologies from Rhoda Grant; Frank McAveety will act as a substitute member.

Item 1 on the agenda is consideration of a draft annual report for the parliamentary year May 2009 to May 2010. It follows the standard format for committee annual reports.

Before I invite comments from members, I have one of my own, which relates to paragraph 20, on the sleep apnoea petition. We agreed to write to the Scottish Government and various other agencies. It would be quite useful for us to say that we are waiting for responses and to indicate when we intend to do something about it, because people will want to know what happened next. We could include words to that effect.

Are there any other comments?

**Mary Scanlon (Highlands and Islands) (Con):** When did we write to the Scottish Government on the petition? I think that it was some time ago.

**The Convener:** February.

**Mary Scanlon:** It is now the end of May and we have had no response.

**The Convener:** We have had a response from the Scottish Government, but not from the United Kingdom Government.

**Michael Matheson (Falkirk West) (SNP):** Ah!

**The Convener:** In fairness, the Westminster election has made it difficult to get a response from the UK Government. Now that that is over, we anticipate that the process will be accelerated.

**Mary Scanlon:** So we have had responses from the Scottish Government, the Scottish intercollegiate guidelines network and NHS Quality Improvement Scotland, but we have not had a response from the Medical Research Council or from the UK Department for Transport.

**The Convener:** Indeed. That is the position.

**Mary Scanlon:** It would be helpful to put that in.

**The Convener:** I would be happy for us to do that—thank you for helping the Scottish Government.

**Mary Scanlon:** It is important for the petitioner to know what is happening, especially given that the convener of the Public Petitions Committee is at today's meeting.

**Mr Frank McAveety (Glasgow Shettleston) (Lab):** That is an example of the new respect agenda.

**The Convener:** We have a respect agenda with you, Frank.

That concludes the public part of the meeting. We move into private session for item 2.

09:33

*Meeting continued in private until 12:48.*



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