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JUSTICE COMMITTEE
0th Meeting 2009, Session 3

CONVENER

*Bill Aitken (Glasgow) (Con)

DEPUTY CONVENER

*Bill Butler (Glasgow Anniesland) (Lab)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

*James Kelly (Glasgow Rutherglen) (Lab)

Robert Brown (Glasgow) (LD)

*Angela Constance (Livingston) (SNP)

*Cathie Craigie (Cumbernauld and Kilsyth) (Lab)

*Nigel Don (North East Scotland) (SNP)

*Stewart Maxwell (West of Scotland) (SNP)

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Aileen Campbell (South of Scotland) (SNP)

John Lamont (Roxburgh and Berwickshire) (Con)

Mike Pringle (Edinburgh South) (LD)

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

*attended

LOCATION

Committee Room 1

Scottish Parliament

Justice Committee

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[The Convener *opened the meeting at 10:01*]

Interests

The Convener (Bill Aitken): Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. I remind everybody to switch off mobile phones. Robert Brown has sent apologies.

Agenda item 1 is a declaration of interests. Members know that Paul Martin MSP has resigned from the committee to take up other parliamentary responsibilities. I put on record my appreciation of his significant contribution to the committee in the past two and a half years.

Paul Martin's replacement is James Kelly MSP, whom I welcome to the committee. I invite him to declare any relevant interests.

James Kelly (Glasgow Rutherglen) (Lab): I have no interests to declare.

The Convener: That being the case, Mr Kelly can take his place on the committee without inhibition. He is welcome and I assure him that he will not be kept idle.

James Kelly: I can see that.

Decision on Taking Business in Private

10:02

The Convener: Under item 2, I invite the committee to decide whether its consideration of a list of candidates for the role of adviser on the Legal Services (Scotland) Bill should be taken in private at a future meeting. Does the committee agree to take that in private?

Members *indicated agreement.*

Subordinate Legislation

Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Prescription of Offices, Ranks and Positions) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2009 (SSI 2009/340)

10:02

The Convener: Item 3 is consideration of two negative statutory instruments. I refer members to paper J/S3/09/30/1, which is on SSI 2009/340. The Subordinate Legislation Committee drew no matters to the Parliament's attention. As members have no comments, are they content to note the order?

Members *indicated agreement.*

Pensions Appeal Tribunals (Scotland) (Amendment) Rules 2009 (SSI 2009/353)

The Convener: I refer members to paper J/S3/09/30/2, which is on SSI 2009/353. The Subordinate Legislation Committee drew no matters to the Parliament's attention. As members have no comments, are they content to note the rules?

Members *indicated agreement.*

The Convener: The rules are noted.

10:04

Meeting continued in private until 11:56.

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