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19th Meeting 2010, Session 3

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*Marlyn Glen (North East Scotland) (Lab)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

*Malcolm Chisholm (Edinburgh North and Leith) (Lab)

*Jamie Hepburn (Central Scotland) (SNP)

*Christina McKelvie (Central Scotland) (SNP)

*Stuart McMillan (West of Scotland) (SNP)

*Hugh O'Donnell (Central Scotland) (LD)

*Elaine Smith (Coatbridge and Chryston) (Lab)

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTES

Rhoda Grant (Highlands and Islands) (Lab)

Tricia Marwick (Central Fife) (SNP)

Mary Scanlon (Highlands and Islands) (Con)

Margaret Smith (Edinburgh West) (LD)

*attended

CLERK TO THE COMMITTEE

David McLaren

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Committee Room 6

Scottish Parliament

Equal Opportunities Committee

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[The Convener *opened the meeting at 10:02*]

Interests

The Convener (Margaret Mitchell): Good morning everyone, and welcome to the 19th meeting in 2010 of the Equal Opportunities Committee. I remind all those present, including members, that mobile phones and BlackBerrys should be switched off completely as they interfere with the sound system even if they are switched to silent.

I welcome our new member, Jamie Hepburn, to the committee. I also express my thanks, and those of the committee, to Bill Kidd, who has been a committee member throughout this session. We are grateful to Bill for his contribution and work during that time. I invite Jamie Hepburn to declare any relevant interests.

Jamie Hepburn (Central Scotland) (SNP): Thank you, convener. I refer members to my entry in the register of members' interests. Of particular relevance to the committee's work might be my membership of the Poverty Alliance and Amnesty International.

The Convener: Thank you for that.

10:03

Meeting continued in private until 12:31.

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