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1st Meeting 2009, Session 3

CONVENER

*David Stewart (Highlands and Islands) (Lab)

DEPUTY CONVENER

*Nanette Milne (North East Scotland) (Con)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

*Shirley-Anne Somerville (Lothians) (SNP)

*attended

CLERKS TO THE COMMITTEE

Sarah Robertson

Stuart Todd

LOCATION

Committee Room 4

Scottish Parliament

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[Nanette Milne *opened the meeting at 10:32*]

Interests

Nanette Milne (North East Scotland) (Con): Good morning and welcome to the first meeting in 2009 of the Ure Elder Fund Transfer and Dissolution Bill Committee.

In accordance with section 3 of the code of conduct for members of the Scottish Parliament, I invite members to declare any interests relevant to the remit of the committee.

I also invite members to declare that, in their capacity as a member of the committee, they will act impartially and will base decisions solely on the evidence and information provided to the committee.

I will start. I have no relevant interests to declare and I will abide by the rule that as a member of the committee I must be impartial.

David Stewart (Highlands and Islands) (Lab): I refer members to my entry in the register of members' interests. I also draw members' attention to the fact that I previously worked as an assistant director with the Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations, which is a potential witness to the inquiry.

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

Convener

10:33

Nanette Milne: Item 2 is the selection of a convener. Members will have before them a note from the clerk setting out the procedure for selecting a convener.

The Parliament has agreed that only members of the Scottish Labour Party are eligible for nomination as convener of the committee. That being the case, I seek nominations for the position of convener.

Shirley-Anne Somerville: I nominate David Stewart.

David Stewart was chosen as convener.

Deputy Convener

10:34

The Convener (David Stewart): Item 3 is the selection of a deputy convener. There is a note from the clerk, setting out the procedure for selecting a deputy convener, which is similar to that used to select the convener.

The Parliament has agreed that only members of the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party are eligible to be chosen as deputy convener of the committee. That being the case, I invite nominations for the position of deputy convener.

Shirley-Anne Somerville: I nominate Nanette Milne.

Nanette Milne was chosen as deputy convener.

Witness Expenses

10:35

The Convener: Item 4 is a request for the committee to consider delegating to me the responsibility, under rule 12.4.3 of the standing orders, for arranging for the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body to pay any witness expenses that may arise during our consideration of the bill. Is that agreed?

Members indicated agreement.

Decision on Taking Business in Private

10:35

The Convener: Under item 5 we must decide whether to take in private item 6, under which the committee will consider its approach to the bill. Does the committee agree to take item 6 in private?

Members indicated agreement.

10:35

Meeting continued in private until 11:10.

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