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1st Meeting 2011, Session 3

CONVENER

*Margaret Mitchell (Central Scotland) (Con)

DEPUTY CONVENER

*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

LOCATION

Committee Room 6

Scottish Parliament

10:03

Meeting continued in private until 11:32.

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[The Convener opened the meeting at 10:02]

Decision on Taking Business in Private

The Convener (Margaret Mitchell): Good morning, everyone, and welcome to the first meeting in 2011 of the Equal Opportunities Committee. I wish all a happy new year.

We have received apologies from Stuart McMillan.

Item 1 is a decision on whether to take in private items 2 and 3 and the committee's future consideration of a draft report on the Forced Marriage etc (Protection and Jurisdiction) (Scotland) Bill. Are members agreed?

Members indicated agreement.

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