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### **PUBLIC AUDIT COMMITTEE**

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**PUBLIC AUDIT COMMITTEE**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting 2011, Session 3**

**CONVENER**

\*Hugh Henry (Paisley South) (Lab)

**DEPUTY CONVENER**

\*Murdo Fraser (Mid Scotland and Fife) (Con)

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

\*Willie Coffey (Kilmarnock and Loudoun) (SNP)

\*George Foulkes (Lothians) (Lab)

\*Jamie Hepburn (Central Scotland) (SNP)

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

Anne McLaughlin (Glasgow) (SNP)

Nicol Stephen (Aberdeen South) (LD)

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTES**

Derek Brownlee (South of Scotland) (Con)

\*Linda Fabiani (Central Scotland) (SNP)

James Kelly (Glasgow Rutherglen) (Lab)

\*John Farquhar Munro (Ross, Skye and Inverness West) (LD)

\*attended

**CLERK TO THE COMMITTEE**

Jane Williams

**LOCATION**

Committee Room 5



## Scottish Parliament

10:03

*Meeting continued in private until 11:36.*

### Public Audit Committee

*Wednesday 26 January 2011**[The Convener opened the meeting at 10:00]*

### Public Audit Committee Report (Response)

#### “Review of orthopaedic services”

**The Convener (Hugh Henry):** I convene the Public Audit Committee’s second meeting in 2011. I have apologies from Nicol Stephen; John Farquhar Munro is here in his place. We also have apologies from Anne McLaughlin; Linda Fabiani attends in her place. No declarations of interest are required. I remind members to ensure that all electronic devices are switched off, despite their possible interest in pursuing what is happening in other places.

Agenda item 1 is on the committee’s report “Review of orthopaedic services”. Members have a letter and an appendix with a detailed response from the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing. The response is full, positive and constructive. I am pleased that the Scottish Government is taking seriously the recommendations that we made and the items that Audit Scotland highlighted in its report. The Audit Scotland report has helped to progress the issue considerably and the cabinet secretary’s response has aided that.

We should probably note the response. Do members want to say anything specific about it?

**Willie Coffey (Kilmarnock and Loudoun) (SNP):** The Auditor General for Scotland’s report was positive and, like the convener, I was pleased to see the cabinet secretary’s detailed response. The one issue that I recall pulling out of the report was the length of time for which some patients remain in hospital—members might recall that. Even on that subject, the response to paragraphs 79 and 80 of our report is positive. Altogether, the cabinet secretary’s response is positive.

**The Convener:** Do members agree to note the response?

**Members** *indicated agreement.*

**The Convener:** We now go into private session to consider our draft report on “The Gathering 2009”.



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