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(*Afternoon*)

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4th Meeting 2003, Session 1

CONVENER

*Karen Gillon (Clydesdale) (Lab)

DEPUTY CONVENER

*Cathy Peattie (Falkirk East) (Lab)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

*Jackie Baillie (Dumbarton) (Lab)
*Ian Jenkins (Tweeddale, Ettrick and Lauderdale) (LD)
*Irene McGugan (North-East Scotland) (SNP)
*Mr Brian Monteith (Mid Scotland and Fife) (Con)
*Michael Russell (South of Scotland) (SNP)

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTES

Murdo Fraser (Mid Scotland and Fife) (Con)
Marilyn Livingstone (Kirkcaldy) (Lab)
Fiona McLeod (West of Scotland) (SNP)

*attended

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Committee Room 4

Scottish Parliament
Education, Culture and Sport
Committee

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[THE CONVENER *opened the meeting at 14:02*]

Children's Commissioners
(Seminar)

The Convener (Karen Gillon): I remind members to ensure that all mobile telephones and pagers are switched off.

Members have the clerk's note on an invitation that I have received to attend a joint seminar on children's commissioners with the UK Parliament's all-party parliamentary group on children. The Welsh children's commissioner is to be there, as is the Norwegian children's commissioner. Members from the Northern Ireland Assembly have also been invited. We require the committee's approval for me to take up the invitation.

Irene McGugan (North-East Scotland) (SNP): It is highly appropriate that someone from the Scottish Parliament should go to talk about our commissioner.

Cathy Peattie (Falkirk East) (Lab): Definitely.

The Convener: Thank you. I will make the appropriate recommendations to the Conveners Group.

Item 2 on the agenda is consideration of our stage 1 report on the Gaelic Language (Scotland) Bill. At its previous meeting, the committee agreed that the item would be taken in private, so we now move into private session.

14:04

Meeting continued in private until 15:12.

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