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REFERENDUM (SCOTLAND) BILL COMMITTEE

2nd Meeting 2012, Session 4

CONVENER

*Bruce Crawford (Stirling) (SNP)

DEPUTY CONVENER

*James Kelly (Rutherglen) (Lab)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

*Annabelle Ewing (Mid Scotland and Fife) (SNP)

*Linda Fabiani (East Kilbride) (SNP)

*Patricia Ferguson (Glasgow Maryhill and Springburn) (Lab)

*Rob Gibson (Caithness, Sutherland and Ross) (SNP)

*Annabel Goldie (West Scotland) (Con)

*Patrick Harvie (Glasgow) (Green)

*Stewart Maxwell (West Scotland) (SNP)

*Stuart McMillan (West Scotland) (SNP)

*Tavish Scott (Shetland Islands) (LD)

*attended

CLERK TO THE COMMITTEE

Andrew Mylne

LOCATION

Committee Room 2

Scottish Parliament
Referendum (Scotland) Bill
Committee

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[The Convener *opened the meeting at 10:01*]

Decision on Taking Business in
Private

The Convener (Bruce Crawford): Good morning colleagues. Welcome to the second meeting in 2012 of the Referendum (Scotland) Bill Committee. I have received no apologies.

We have a number of items to get through but, first of all, I remind members—including myself, as I have probably not done this—to switch off their mobile phones, as they can interfere with the sound system.

That takes us to agenda item 1, which is to decide whether we take in private item 4 and, at future meetings, consideration of a draft report. Are members agreed?

Members *indicated agreement.*

Subordinate Legislation (Witness
Expenses)

10:01

The Convener: Item 2 is about witness expenses. As is the usual convention, it is proposed that responsibility is delegated to me, as convener, for arranging for the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body to pay any witness expenses. Are members agreed?

Members *indicated agreement.*

Work Programme

10:02

The Convener: Item 3 is about the committee's work programme. Members will have seen that the clerks have laid out a draft programme for us, which I think is in good order. It proposes that we take oral evidence on 8 and 15 November; that we have a formal debate on the Deputy First Minister's motion on 15 November; and that we consider the draft report on 22 November and, if required, at a further meeting on 29 November, with the report being published by 30 November.

Members are asked to note the overall timetable, to agree to limit the formal debate on the DFM's motion to 30 minutes on 15 November, and to agree to meet at an earlier time on 8 and 15 November, if required. Are members agreed on that? Are members also content to leave the decision about the meeting start times to myself and the clerks depending on where we get to with the arrangements for witnesses?

Members *indicated agreement.*

The Convener: If no members have any other comments, we will move to agenda item 4, which is discussion of our work programme and potential witnesses. We decided to take that item in private, so the committee's public business is now concluded.

10:03

Meeting continued in private until 10:20.

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