

ENTERPRISE AND LIFELONG LEARNING COMMITTEE

Tuesday 16 May 2000
(Morning)

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CONVENER

*Mr John Swinney (North Tayside) (SNP)

DEPUTY CONVENER

*Miss Annabel Goldie (West of Scotland) (Con)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

*Fergus Ewing (Inverness East, Nairn and Lochaber) (SNP)

*Nick Johnston (Mid Scotland and Fife) (Con)

*Marilyn Livingstone (Kirkcaldy) (Lab)

George Lyon (Argyll and Bute) (LD)

*Ms Margo MacDonald (Lothians) (SNP)

*Mr Duncan McNeil (Greenock and Inverclyde) (Lab)

*Dr Elaine Murray (Dumfries) (Lab)

*Elaine Thomson (Aberdeen North) (Lab)

*Allan Wilson (Cunninghame North) (Lab)

*attended

WITNESSES

Jim Logie (Office of the Solicitor to the Scottish Executive)

Frank Pignatelli (Scottish University for Industry)

Nicol Stephen (Deputy Minister for Enterprise and Lifelong Learning)

Gillian Thompson (Scottish Executive Enterprise and Lifelong Learning Department)

CLERK TEAM LEADER

Simon Watkins

SENIOR ASSISTANT CLERK

David McLaren

ASSISTANT CLERK

Mark MacPherson

LOCATION

Committee Room 3

Scottish Parliament

Enterprise and Lifelong Learning Committee

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[THE CONVENER *opened the meeting at 10:04*]

The Convener (Mr John Swinney): Good morning. I am pleased to open today's meeting of the Enterprise and Lifelong Learning Committee.

Because of the Parliament's move to Glasgow, a number of committees are meeting at the same time. That might affect some of our members: Elaine Murray, for example, is attending a meeting of the Rural Affairs Committee and will join us for item 3. However, that is the only clash of which we have been notified.

Items in Private

The Convener: Item 1 of the agenda is that I ask for the committee's agreement that items 2 and 3 be taken in private, as they involve the agreement of committee reports. Is that agreed?

Members *indicated agreement.*

The Convener: The committee is scheduled to meet next on 31 May. At that meeting, we will consider the formal programme for inquiries and other issues arising after the summer recess. All our remaining meetings before the recess will be taken up by consideration of the Education and Training (Scotland) Bill. So that the clerks can provide us with a paper before the meeting on 31 May. I would like members to suggest topics that they want to be added to the long list of subjects for committee discussion. Those suggestions should be with the clerks by the close of business on 22 May.

10.06

Meeting continued in private until 11:50.

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