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7th Meeting 2014, Session 4

CONVENER

*Stewart Stevenson (Banffshire and Buchan Coast) (SNP)

DEPUTY CONVENER

*Margaret McDougall (West Scotland) (Lab)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

George Adam (Paisley) (SNP)
*Cameron Buchanan (Lothian) (Con)
*Cara Hilton (Dunfermline) (Lab)
*Richard Lyle (Central Scotland) (SNP)
*Fiona McLeod (Strathkelvin and Bearsden) (SNP)

*attended

CLERK TO THE COMMITTEE

Gillian Baxendine
Alison Walker

LOCATION

The David Livingstone Room (CR6)

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[The Convener *opened the meeting at 09:31*]

Decisions on Taking Business in Private

The Convener (Stewart Stevenson): I welcome members to the seventh meeting in 2014 of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee. I have an apology from George Adam, who has another engagement that prevents his being with us today.

As ever, I remind everybody to switch off mobile phones because they affect the broadcasting system; I am so doing even as we speak. Members can, of course, consult tablets during the meeting because some of the papers are provided in digital format, but looking at the convener from time to time is something that is worth considering.

Agenda item 1 is for the committee to agree to take in private item 4, which is on the Interests of Members of the Scottish Parliament Act 2006. Are members content to take item 4 in private?

Members *indicated agreement.*

The Convener: Item 2 is for the committee to agree that its consideration of the evidence heard in its inquiry into procedures for considering legislation, and a paper on interests in shares, be taken in private at future meetings. Are members content with that?

Members *indicated agreement.*

Cross-party Group

09:32

The Convener: Item 3 is approval of the cross-party group on Turkey. At our previous meeting, on 24 April, members heard from the convener of the proposed group, James Dornan. He has confirmed the status of the secretary, who is on the group as an individual rather than as a member of an organisation. We did not raise any other issues with Mr Dornan.

Do members wish to make any comments on the subject before we consider our decision?

Members *indicated disagreement.*

The Convener: It is clear that members have no comments.

Do members agree to accord the cross-party group on Turkey recognition?

Richard Lyle (Central Scotland) (SNP): I am sorry, convener. I should have identified through you that I am to be a member of the group, so I will take no part in the decision.

The Convener: That is helpful. Thank you. Are members clear that we approve the group and give it recognition?

Members *indicated agreement.*

The Convener: That ends the public part of the meeting.

09:33

Meeting continued in private until 10:38.

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