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DEVOLUTION (FURTHER POWERS) COMMITTEE

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DEVOLUTION (FURTHER POWERS) COMMITTEE
2nd Meeting 2014, Session 4

CONVENER

*Bruce Crawford (Stirling) (SNP)

DEPUTY CONVENER

*Lewis Macdonald (North East Scotland) (Lab)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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

Linda Fabiani (East Kilbride) (SNP)

*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)

*Drew Smith (Glasgow) (Lab)

*attended

THE FOLLOWING ALSO PARTICIPATED:

Bill Kidd (Glasgow Anniesland) (SNP) (Committee Substitute)

CLERK TO THE COMMITTEE

Stephen Imrie

LOCATION

The Robert Burns Room (CR1)

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[The Convener opened the meeting at 10:00]

Decision on Taking Business in Private

The Convener (Bruce Crawford): I welcome all my colleagues to the first meeting as the Devolution (Further Powers) Committee of the Scottish Parliament. I must say that we have a significant task to undertake on the proposals from the Smith commission in the heads of agreement, when they emerge. There will be a lot of detailed work for us to undertake over a significant period of time.

We have received apologies from Linda Fabiani, and Bill Kidd is here in her place. I have not yet heard about Tavish Scott, but I am sure that he will turn up at some stage.

At the beginning, I want to recognise the contribution of the clerk to our predecessor committee, the Referendum (Scotland) Bill Committee, Andrew Mylne, who is with us today although he is sitting to the side, and the sage-like advice that he provided us with and the attention to detail that he contributed to our approach. I thank Andrew very warmly—and I am sure that others will want to do the same—for his fantastic efforts in helping us with the significant piece of work that we had to undertake. Obviously, this committee's lifespan is now a lot longer, which is one of the reasons for the changes that have come about. Does anyone want to add to my remarks?

Annabel Goldie (West Scotland) (Con): I would like to praise Andrew's patience with carnaptious old ladies, which was quite exemplary.

Annabelle Ewing (Mid Scotland and Fife) (SNP): Was that reference to old ladies, plural?

Annabel Goldie: Singular. It was a generic reference.

The Convener: I think that everybody accepts what has been said. Thank you, Andrew. We very much appreciated your contribution to our committee and we wish you well with the rest of your duties.

I now need to ask the committee to agree to take agenda items 2 and 3 in private. Are we happy to do that?

Members indicated agreement.

The Convener: Thank you very much.

10:02

Meeting continued in private until 10:50.

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