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EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES COMMITTEE

21st Meeting 2014, Session 4

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*John Finnie (Highlands and Islands) (Ind)

Alex Johnstone (North East Scotland) (Con)

*John Mason (Glasgow Shettleston) (SNP)

Siobhan McMahon (Central Scotland) (Lab)

*attended

CLERK TO THE COMMITTEE

Ruth McGill

LOCATION

The James Clerk Maxwell Room (CR4)

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[The Convener opened the meeting at 10:31]

Subordinate Legislation

Marriage Between Persons of Different Sexes (Prescribed Bodies) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/304)

The Convener (Margaret McCulloch):

Welcome to the Equal Opportunities Committee's 21st meeting in 2014. I ask everyone to set any electronic devices to flight mode or switch them off.

We are supported at the table by clerking and research staff, official reporters and broadcasting services and, around the room, by the security office.

My name is Margaret McCulloch and I am the committee's convener. Members will now introduce themselves in turn, starting on my right.

Sandra White (Glasgow Kelvin) (SNP): Good morning, everyone. I am the MSP for Glasgow Kelvin and the deputy convener.

Christian Allard (North East Scotland) (SNP): Good morning. I am a member of the Scottish Parliament for North East Scotland.

John Mason (Glasgow Shettleston) (SNP): I am the MSP for Glasgow Shettleston.

The Convener: Agenda item 1 is subordinate legislation; we will consider a negative instrument, namely the Marriage Between Persons of Different Sexes (Prescribed Bodies) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/304). The regulations prescribe the religious or belief bodies whose ministers, clergymen, pastors, priests or other celebrants are entitled to solemnise marriage between persons of different sexes, without the need to be registered as approved celebrants. The Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee identified a minor drafting error in the instrument. Full details of the error and the instrument can be viewed in the committee's public paper 1.

The committee will now consider any issues that it wishes to raise in reporting to the Parliament on the instrument. Members should note that no motion to annul the instrument has been received.

Does the committee agree not to make any recommendations on the instrument?

Members indicated agreement.

The Convener: That concludes the public part of today's meeting.

10:33

Meeting continued in private until 11:02.

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