PARLIAMENTARY BUREAU

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 19 NOVEMBER 2013 AT 9.00 AM

Attending: Tricia Marwick (chair), John Scott, Joe FitzPatrick, Paul Martin, John Lamont, Alison McInnes, John Finnie.

Apologies: Elaine Smith


1. Item 1a: Minutes of last meeting — The minutes of 12 November 2013 were agreed.

2. Item 1b: Matters arising — There were no matters arising.

3. Future Business Programme — The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament a business programme for weeks commencing 26 November and 2 December 2013. Paul Martin, John Lamont and Alison McInnes indicated that if consideration of the Independence White Paper was not scheduled to take place in the Parliament until after the paper was launched, they would oppose the relevant business motion.

It was noted that Members’ Business on Tuesday 26 November would be motion S4M-07869 Murdo Fraser on The Future of Medical Research Funding in Scotland Remains Strong; on Wednesday 27 November would be motion S4M-08144 James Dornan on St Andrew’s First Aid Count Me In Campaign; and on Thursday 28 November would be motion S4M-08110 Rhoda Grant on World Prematurity Day 2013 and World-class Neonatal Care in Scotland.

4. Legislation: timetabling of Bills at Stage 2 — The Bureau agreed to—
   (a) refer the Landfill Tax (Scotland) Bill back to the Finance Committee for consideration at Stage 2 and to recommend to the Parliament, by motion, a deadline of 28 November 2013 for completion of that Stage; and
   (b) refer the Tribunals (Scotland) Bill back to the Justice Committee for consideration at Stage 2 and to recommend to the Parliament, by motion, a deadline of 21 February 2014 for completion of that Stage 2.

5. Legislation: Legislative Consent Memorandums — The Bureau agreed to refer—
   (a) the supplementary Memorandum on the Anti-social Behaviour Crime and Policing Bill to the Justice Committee; and
   (b) the Memorandum on the Care Bill to the Health and Sport Committee; for consideration.

6. Correspondence from the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee — The Bureau discussed a draft response to the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee and agreed that the Presiding Officer should write to the Committee.
7. **Publication Scheme** — It was agreed that all papers considered at the meeting should be published.

8. **Date of next meeting** — The next meeting of the Bureau would be held at 9.00am on Tuesday 26 November.

Susan Duffy  
Clerk to the Parliamentary Bureau  
19 November 2013