



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

**STANDARDS, PROCEDURES AND PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

**16th Meeting, 2015 (Session 4)**

**Thursday 8 October 2015**

Present:

George Adam	Cameron Buchanan
Patricia Ferguson	Gil Paterson
Stewart Stevenson (Convener)	Dave Thompson

Apologies were received from Mary Fee (Deputy Convener).

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take items 4, 5 and 6 in private.
2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed that its consideration of a draft report on its inquiry into committee reform and issues papers on Members Interests, the Scotland Bill and committee reform should be taken in private at future meetings.
3. **Inquiry into committee reform:** The Committee took evidence from—
  - Joe FitzPatrick, Minister for Parliamentary Business, Scottish Government;
  - John Finnie, Business Manager, Independent/Green Group;
  - James Kelly, Business Manager, Scottish Labour;
  - John Lamont, Business Manager, Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party;
  - Alison McInnes, Business Manager, Scottish Liberal Democrats.
4. **Lobbying (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee agreed its approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1.

5. **Consolidation Bills (in private):** The Committee agreed Standing Order rule changes and agreed its report for publication.
6. **Scotland Bill (in private):** The Committee considered a note by the Clerk and agreed to consider further papers at future meetings.
7. **Inquiry into committee reform (in private):** The Committee considered the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
8. **Scotland Act 2012 (in private):** The Committee agreed Standing Order rule changes and agreed its report for publication.
9. **Printed and published (in private):** The Committee agreed Standing Order rule changes and agreed its report for publication.

The meeting closed at 11.15 am.

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