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**BURRELL COLLECTION (LENDING AND BORROWING) (SCOTLAND) BILL
COMMITTEE**

1st Meeting 2013, Session 4

CONVENER

*Joan McAlpine (South Scotland) (SNP)

DEPUTY CONVENER

*Jackson Carlaw (West Scotland) (Con)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

*Mark Griffin (Central Scotland) (Lab)

*Gordon MacDonald (Edinburgh Pentlands) (SNP)

*attended

CLERK TO THE COMMITTEE

Joanna Hardy

LOCATION

Committee Room 5

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[Jackson Carlaw opened the meeting at 11:00]

Interests

Jackson Carlaw (West Scotland) (Con): Good morning and welcome to the first meeting of the Burrell Collection (Lending and Borrowing) (Scotland) Bill Committee. My name is Jackson Carlaw and I am in the chair. I invite everyone, as is customary, to ensure that their electronic devices are inactive.

By convention when a new committee meets, the oldest member present has the dubious honour of presiding over the initial proceedings, and it seems that I am the oldest member present. The last time that I was the youngest member present at anything was at a Val Doonican concert, so that gives some indication of the cycle of life.

In accordance with section 3 of the "Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament", the first item of business is to invite members to declare any interests that are relevant to the committee's remit. I am happy to begin by so doing. I have no interests that are relevant to the committee. Beyond that, I refer members to my declaration of interests, but there is nothing there of particular interest.

Secondly, in accordance with rule 9A.5.4A of standing orders, I invite members to declare that they will act impartially and will base decisions solely on the evidence and information provided. I am happy to begin that procedure, too. I declare that I will act impartially, in my capacity as a member of the Burrell Collection (Lending and Borrowing) (Scotland) Bill Committee, and will base decisions solely on the evidence and information provided to the committee.

I ask other committee members to declare their interests and to declare their impartiality.

Joan McAlpine (South Scotland) (SNP): I refer members to my entry in the register of members' interests. I am a paid columnist for the *Daily Record* newspaper, but I do not think that that is particularly relevant to the committee. I should also put on record that, although I represent South Scotland, I am a resident of the city of Glasgow.

I am happy to declare my impartiality. I declare that I will act impartially, in my capacity as a member of the Burrell Collection (Lending and Borrowing) (Scotland) Bill Committee, and will base decisions solely on the evidence and information provided to the committee.

Gordon MacDonald (Edinburgh Pentlands) (SNP): I do not have any declarable relevant interests. However, I want to put on record that I am a member of Historic Scotland and of the National Trust for Scotland.

I declare that I will act impartially, in my capacity as a member of the Burrell Collection (Lending and Borrowing) (Scotland) Bill Committee, and will base decisions solely on the evidence and information provided to the committee.

Mark Griffin (Central Scotland) (Lab): I have no relevant interests to declare.

I declare that I will act impartially, in my capacity as a member of the Burrell Collection (Lending and Borrowing) (Scotland) Bill Committee, and will base decisions solely on the evidence and information provided to the committee.

Convener

11:03

Jackson Carlaw: Our second item of business is to choose a convener. The Parliament has agreed that only members of the Scottish National Party are eligible for nomination as convener of the committee. I am pleased to announce that Joan McAlpine is the Scottish National Party's nominee for the post.

Joan McAlpine was chosen as convener.

Jackson Carlaw: I congratulate Joan McAlpine on her appointment and I am happy to hand over to her the formal responsibilities of convening the committee.

Deputy Convener

11:03

The Convener (Joan McAlpine): Our third item of business is to choose a deputy convener. The Parliament has agreed that only members of the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party are eligible for nomination as deputy convener of the committee. I understand that Jackson Carlaw is the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party's nominee for the post.

Jackson Carlaw was chosen as deputy convener.

The Convener: I congratulate Jackson Carlaw on his appointment and I look forward to working with him and all other members.

Decision on Taking Business in Private

11:04

The Convener: The fourth item of business is a decision on whether to take agenda item 6 in private. There is no pressing need to take item 6 in private, but we may feel that we wish to do so as it involves a discussion of witnesses and our work programme. I will be guided by other members of the committee.

Jackson Carlaw: I am happy to agree to take item 6 in private.

The Convener: Is it agreed that we take item 6 in private?

Members indicated agreement.

Witness Expenses

11:04

The Convener: The fifth item of business is to seek the committee's agreement to delegate to the convener responsibility for arranging payment by the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body of any expenses incurred by witnesses. Are we agreed to delegate that responsibility to the convener?

Members indicated agreement.

The Convener: We decided under agenda item 4 to take item 6 in private. Therefore, I declare the meeting closed to the public and will give a few minutes for the public gallery to be cleared.

11:05

Meeting continued in private until 11:34.

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