



STANDARDS, PROCEDURES AND PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

15th Meeting, 2013 (Session 4)

Thursday 21 November 2013

Present:

George Adam	Cameron Buchanan
Mark Griffin (Committee Substitute)	Richard Lyle
Margaret McDougall	Fiona McLeod
Stewart Stevenson (Convener)	

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. **Declaration of interests:** Stewart Stevenson was invited to declare any relevant interests. Stewart Stevenson indicated that he had no relevant interests to declare.
2. **Choice of Convener:** The Committee chose Stewart Stevenson as its new Convener.
3. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take item 6 in private.
4. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed that its consideration of its draft report on Presiding Officer and Deputy Presiding Officer elections and a response from the Public Audit Committee on SPSO special reports should be taken in private at future meetings.
5. **Cross-Party Groups:** The Committee considered an update on Cross-Party Groups and agreed to write to the Groups that were not complying with the Code of Conduct.
6. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee agreed its work programme.
7. **Reform of parliamentary business: remodelling the parliamentary week - review of progress (in private):** The Committee considered consultation responses and agreed to consider a draft report.

8. **Hybrid Bills (in private):** The Committee agreed draft Standing Order rule changes.

The meeting closed at 10.09 am.

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