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7th Meeting 2013, Session 4

CONVENER

*Iain Gray (East Lothian) (Lab)

DEPUTY CONVENER

*Mary Scanlon (Highlands and Islands) (Con)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

*Colin Beattie (Midlothian North and Musselburgh) (SNP)

*Willie Coffey (Kilmarnock and Irvine Valley) (SNP)

*Bob Doris (Glasgow) (SNP)

*James Dornan (Glasgow Cathcart) (SNP)

*Mark Griffin (Central Scotland) (Lab)

*Colin Keir (Edinburgh Western) (SNP)

*Tavish Scott (Shetland Islands) (LD)

*attended

CLERK TO THE COMMITTEE

Roz Thomson

LOCATION

Committee Room 3

Scottish Parliament

Public Audit Committee

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[The Convener *opened the meeting at 10:01*]

Decision on Taking Business in Private

The Convener (Iain Gray): Right, colleagues, let us make a start. I welcome members—I do not think that we have any press or public present—and ask everyone to check that their phone is off. No apologies have been received; we are all here.

The first item this morning is a decision on whether to take item 3 in private. We will take item 4 in private as well, but that is a continuation, so that decision has already been taken. Does the committee agree to take item 3 in private?

Members *indicated agreement.*

Annual Report 2012-13

10:02

The Convener: Item 2 concerns the committee's annual report. A draft, which we have to agree, has been circulated. I open the matter up for comments or suggestions. Does anybody want to propose any changes?

Mary Scanlon (Highlands and Islands) (Con): I do not have any suggestions. The draft covers our work during the past year quite well.

Willie Coffey (Kilmarnock and Irvine Valley) (SNP): Would it be better for us to wait to issue the report until we can say something definitive about the national health service waiting lists issue and can put something meaningful about that into the report? I note that we have not said anything about that matter apart from the fact that we considered it. Some of the comments in the draft annual report are helpful—there are little sentences that say what the committee said or recommended, but we cannot say that about NHS waiting lists because we have not said anything about the matter. When will we publish the annual report?

Jason Nairn (Clerk): We will publish it on 10 June, so in theory we could say something about waiting lists.

Willie Coffey: We could put something meaningful into the report, then.

The Convener: Are you suggesting that we hold over agreeing the annual report until we agree the NHS waiting lists report? At that point, we can redraft the annual report.

Willie Coffey: Yes.

The Convener: I am happy to do that as long as it fits with the timescale.

James Dornan (Glasgow Cathcart) (SNP): Will we agree the rest of the draft annual report and just leave that addition?

The Convener: We could do that. I ask members to agree the rest of the report and to revisit paragraph 8 once we have finalised our report on NHS waiting lists.

Members *indicated agreement.*

The Convener: Thank you very much.

10:04

Meeting continued in private until 11:58.

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