



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

STANDARDS, PROCEDURES AND PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

2nd Meeting, 2018 (Session 5)

Thursday 1 February 2018

Present:

Tom Arthur

Jamie Halcro Johnston

Clare Haughey (Convener)

Alexander Stewart

Kate Forbes

Patrick Harvie (Deputy Convener)

Elaine Smith

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. **Cross-Party Group:** The Committee considered an application for recognition from the proposed Cross-Party Group on Shared Parenting, and took evidence from—

Ivan McKee, Co-Convener of the proposed CPG on Shared Parenting.

2. **Sexual harassment and inappropriate conduct:** The Committee took evidence from—

Cheryl Gedling, Industrial Officer, PCS Union;

Katy Mathieson, Coordinator, Scottish Women's Rights Centre;

Davy Thompson, Campaign Director, White Ribbon Scotland;

Emma Trottier, Policy and Parliamentary Manager, Engender.

3. **Cross-Party Group - approval:** The Committee agreed to accord recognition to the proposed Cross-Party Group on Shared Parenting.

4. **Sexual harassment and inappropriate conduct (in private):** The Committee considered the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

5. **Commission on Parliamentary reform - parliamentary questions (in private):** The Committee considered a note by the Clerk. The Committee agreed to undertake further work on the Commission's recommendations on parliamentary questions.

The meeting closed at 11.30 am.

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