

**Commission on
Parliamentary
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Minutes

6th Meeting

Monday 16 January 2017

Present:

John McCormick (Chair)
Pam Duncan-Glancy
The Very Rev. Dr. Lorna Hood
Geoff Mawdsley
Boyd Robertson

Katie Burke MSYP
John Edward
Johann Lamont MSP
Fiona McLeod

Also present: Professor Paul Cairney – advisor.

Apologies were received from Jackson Carlaw MSP, John Finnie MSP and Jeremy Purvis.

The meeting opened at 12.30 pm.

1. The Commission discussed Parliamentary scrutiny, engagement and identity with—

Rt. Hon. Lord Jack McConnell, First Minister of Scotland, 2001-2007;

and then—

Rt. Hon. Henry McLeish, former First Minister of Scotland.

2. The Commission discussed the legislative process with (in private)—

Andy Beattie, Chief Parliamentary Counsel, and Willie Ferrie and Ian Young, Parliamentary Counsel Office, Scottish Government;

and then—

Tracey White, Group Head of Chamber, Reporting and Broadcasting; Susan Duffy, Group Head of Committees and Outreach; and Judith Morrison, Group Head of Legal Services, Procurement and Audit, Scottish Parliament.

3. The Commission discussed the legislative process with—

Michael Clancy, Law Society of Scotland and Laura Dunlop QC, Faculty of Advocates.

4. The Commission considered the discussions held at items 1, 2 and 3 (in private).

The meeting closed at 4.20pm.

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