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**NET ZERO, ENERGY AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE**  
**24<sup>th</sup> Meeting 2023, Session 6**

**CONVENER**

\*Edward Mountain (Highlands and Islands) (Con)

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

\*Jackie Dunbar (Aberdeen Donside) (SNP)

\*Monica Lennon (Central Scotland) (Lab)

\*Douglas Lumsden (North East Scotland) (Con)

\*Ben Macpherson (Edinburgh Northern and Leith) (SNP)

Ash Regan (Edinburgh Eastern) (SNP)

\*Mark Ruskell (Mid Scotland and Fife) (Green)

\*attended

**CLERK TO THE COMMITTEE**

Peter McGrath

**LOCATION**

The Mary Fairfax Somerville Room (CR2)



## Scottish Parliament

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*[The Convener opened the meeting at 09:31]*

#### Interests

**The Convener (Edward Mountain):** Good morning, everyone, and welcome to the 24th meeting in 2023 of the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee. We have received apologies today from Ash Regan.

I would like to welcome to the meeting Douglas Lumsden and Ben Macpherson, who are joining us for the first time as members of the committee. I would also, on behalf of the committee, like to express our thanks to Liam Kerr for his contribution to the committee's work during the session. He always seemed to find a question to ask that was both quite pointed and to the point, and I think that we will miss that contribution.

As Douglas Lumsden and Ben Macpherson are joining us for the first time, our first item of business is to invite them to declare any relevant interests. Douglas, would you like to go first?

**Douglas Lumsden (North East Scotland) (Con):** Thank you, convener, and thank you for your welcome to the committee. I have no relevant interests to declare that would stop me taking part in the committee's work.

**The Convener:** Ben?

**Ben Macpherson (Edinburgh Northern and Leith) (SNP):** Thank you, convener. I am very pleased to be part of the committee. I have no relevant interests to declare, but I draw members' attention to the fact that I am registered on the roll of Scottish solicitors, which might periodically be of relevance.

**The Convener:** Thank you. I would also remind members that, when it comes to declaring interests at meetings, it is important that they not only refer people to the register of members' interests, if they have an entry in it, but state the reasons why they are doing so, as laid out by the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee in its recent review.

## Deputy Convener

09:33

**The Convener:** Agenda item 2 is choice of deputy convener. The purpose of the item is to appoint a new deputy convener to replace Fiona Hyslop, who has joined the Scottish Government. I have already thanked Fiona for her work, so I am not going to repeat those thanks, but I should say that on 15 June 2021, the Parliament by motion resolved that Scottish National Party MSPs are eligible to be deputy convener of the committee.

My first question is: do we have a nomination? Jackie, are you nominating yourself?

**Jackie Dunbar (Aberdeen Donside) (SNP):** Absolutely not, convener. I am nominating Ben Macpherson.

*Ben Macpherson was chosen as deputy convener.*

**The Convener:** Congratulations, Ben, on your appointment.

## **Decision on Taking Business in Private**

**The Convener:** That concludes the public part of our meeting. We now move into private session.

09:34

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*Meeting continued in private until 11:26.*

**The Convener:** Agenda item 3 is a decision on taking business in private. Does the committee agree to take in private item 4, which is consideration of the Scottish Government's response relating to the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023, and item 5, which is consideration of Scottish Government correspondence regarding appointments to the Scottish Land Commission?

**Members** *indicated agreement.*

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