

Cross-Party Group on WASPI

16 Sept 2024 - AGM

Minute

Present

MSPs

Katy Clark
M Chapman
Carol Mochan
C Haughey
P O'Kane

Non-MSP Group Members

M Eley
W Millar
R Dickson
C McMillan
A Wallis
S McKellar
L McColl
K McDonald
Andrea Ma
L Carmichael
C Jardine
M Dawson
A Jackson
C Houston
E Cawley
Anne Potter (Secretariat)

Apologies

B Wishart
M Gallagher
L Quinn
E Loch
J Stevenson
F Brown
K Birney
K Nurse

WASPI Groups Update

Due to technical issues some members had problems joining & it was decided to start the meeting off with MSP Paul O’Kane explaining his role within Social Justice & Social Security.

P O’K was able to confirm he had looked at PHSO report.

Emma Reynolds Parliamentary Under Sec for Pensions, is now responsible for acting on the PHSO recommendations.

WASPI have recently had a useful meeting with ER.

P O’K stated he was keen to listen & engage with WASPI Scotland regarding our issues & he will feed back to UK Gov.

It was suggested that ER could be invited to attend CPG & this will be arranged.

Feedback from WASPI meeting & ER would be welcomed.

WM enquired when ER likely to deliver her statement to Parliament as it is time critical.

AGM Business

Chair Katy Clark re elected

Co Chairs Maggie Chapman re elected

 Clare Haughey elected

Secretariat Anne Potter re elected

Katy expressed her thanks to Beatrice Wishart for her support during her time on CPG.

AOB

Katy stressed its important to engage with APPG.

MC asked if we should expect an answer within 100 days from UK gov. & should we write to ER to urge her response.

P O’K will speak to WASPI reps at Labour conference Liverpool.

EC informed all there is an SPF Demo at Holyrood Thursday 26 Sept at 10.45.

Apologies given for access issues on Zoom.

Date of next meeting- TBA.

