

Equality of Opportunity Committee

Minutes EOC(3)-02-10

Date: Tuesday 26 January 2010

Time: 09.30 - 10.55

Venue: Committee Room 2, Senedd, National Assembly for Wales

Assembly Members in Attendance

Ann Jones, Vale of Clwyd (Chair)
Mohammad Asghar, South Wales East
Eleanor Burnham, North Wales
Janet Ryder, North Wales
Joyce Watson, Mid and West Wales

Officials in Attendance

Claire Morris, Clerk
Catherine Hunt, Deputy Clerk
Denise Rogers, Members' Research Service
Helen Roberts, Legal Adviser

Others in Attendance

Item 2

Sue Dye, Equality and Human Rights Commission
Dr. Natasha Hirst, Wales TUC
Julie Cook, Wales TUC

Item 1: Introduction, apologies and substitutions

1.1 The Chair welcomed Committee members and members of the public.

1.2 There were no apologies or substitutions.

1.3 There were no declarations of interest.

Item 2: Update on the Equal Pay Campaign

Papers: EOC(3)-02-10(p1) and EOC(3)-02-10(p2)

2.1 The witnesses responded to questions from the Committee.

2.2 The witnesses agreed to provide additional information as requested by the Committee.

2.3 The Committee agreed to hold a further evidence session on this issue and would invite the WLGA and trade unions to attend.

Action

The representatives from the Wales TUC would provide examples of where allowances for male employees had been cut to bring their pay in line with equivalent roles being undertaken by women.

The representatives from the Wales TUC would provide more detail on the overall situation of equal pay negotiations across Wales.

Ms Dye would provide clarification on whether tribunals relating to local authorities in North Wales were being heard in Cardiff.

The Committee would hold a further evidence session on this issue and would invite the WLGA and trade unions to attend.

Item 3: Motion under Standing Order 10.37 to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting for Item 4

3.1 The Committee agreed that the remainder of the meeting would be held in private session.

Item 4: Inquiry into Discrimination against People Living with HIV by Healthcare Professionals and Providers - Consideration of Emerging Issues

4.1 The Committee discussed the issues emerging from the inquiry.

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