

Equality of Opportunity Committee

Minutes EOC(3)-05-09

Date: Tuesday 24 March 2009

Time: 9.30 - 11.00 am

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

Assembly Members in Attendance

Ann Jones, Vale of Clwyd (Chair)
Eleanor Burnham, North Wales
Nick Ramsay, Monmouth
Janet Ryder, North Wales
Joyce Watson, Mid and West Wales

Officials in Attendance

Bethan Webber, Clerk
Rita Phillips, Deputy Clerk
Denise Rogers, Members' Research Service
Helen Roberts, Legal Adviser

Others in Attendance

Sue Dye, Equality and Human Rights Commission
Derek Walker, Wales Trade Union Congress

Item 1: Introduction, apologies and substitutions

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed Committee Members and members of the public.
- 1.2 Apologies were received from Jonathan Morgan. Nick Ramsay substituted.
- 1.3 There were no declarations of interest.

Item 2: Update on the Equal Pay Campaign

Paper: EOC(3)-05-09(p.1)

- 2.1 Sue Dye and Derek Walker responded to questions from the Committee.

Actions

The Committee to scrutinise the Minister for Social Justice and Local Government on the Equality Bill in relation to Equal Pay.

Sue Dye and Derek Walker to provide the Committee with research, commissioned from Swansea University, into the widening of the pay gap when available in April.

Derek Walker to provide the Committee with the UK Trade Union Congress research document "Women and Recession".

The Chair thanked Sue Dye and Derek Walker for attending the Committee meeting.

The Committee agreed, under Standing Order 10.37 (vi), that the rest of the meeting would be held in private

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