

STATUTORY REGISTRATION DISCUSSED AT THE SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT

Report of Health Committee meeting on 28 June 2006

The meeting began at 11.00hrs when Roseanna Cunningham MSP Convener of the Health Committee opened the meeting. The first item on the agenda was a motion, put forward by Nanette Milne, MSP: *'That the Health Committee recommends that nothing further be done under the General Dental Council (Professions Complementary to Dentistry) Regulations Order of Council 2006 (SI 2006/1440).'*

The first speaker was Lewis Macdonald MSP, the Deputy Health Minister, who gave a brief overview of the situation current situation and put forward proposals to deal with the shortfall of educational opportunities in Scotland for would be Clinical Dental Technicians. After Mr Macdonald had spoken he left the room and the evidence session began. Giving evidence were: Tony Ward, APD; Elena Graham, BADN; Chris Allen, CDTA; David Smith, DLA; Tony Griffin, DTA and Hew Matthewson, GDC.

A short presentation by the GDC followed in which Hew Matthewson talked about the GDC proposals and remarked on the submission from the ADP which he said was 'naïve, factually inaccurate and disingenuous'. He added that the GDC wished to progress positively and affirmed their commitment to working quickly to provide training opportunities.

Following the GDC's introductory remarks a straight Q & A session between witnesses and members - based primarily on the submissions received – commenced and lasted for around 45 minutes.

After the session, Nanette Milne, the member who lodged the motion to annul, was formally invited to put the motion to the Committee. She made a short address to the Committee and stated that due to progress being made with regard to access to training, she was not pursuing the motion to annul.

It is now understood that the DCP Register will open on 31 July 2006 as planned.

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