

CORPORATE ACCOUNTABILITY FOR WORK-RELATED DEATHS

PROGRAMME FOR 3 OCTOBER 2006

8:30 Registration

Chair: Dave Whyte, Stirling University

9:30 Opening Remarks

9:45 Corporate Homicide Legislation

Scottish Executive intentions

Cathy Jamieson MSP – Justice Minister (invited)

Proposed culpable homicide bill consultation

Karen Gillon MSP

Analysis of legislative issues: competence and complexity

Jenifer Ross, University of Strathclyde

The Union view

Grahame Smith, STUC

A family's view

Dorothy Wright, f.a.c.k

Questions

11:45 Break

12:05 Under-recognised death from work: Part 1

Undercounting of traumatic work-related deaths

Steve Tombs, John Moores University

Work-related cancer deaths

Andy Watterson, Stirling University

Questions

1:00 Lunch

Chair: Ian Tasker, STUC

2:00 Under-recognised death from work: Part 2

Work-related death in the news

Neil Mackay, Sunday Herald

Campaigning for occupational health

Tommy Gorman

Questions

3:10 Fatal Accident Inquiries: are they doing the job?

An overview of FAIs

John Watt, Procurator Fiscal

Cameron Ritchie, Procurator Fiscal

A critique of FAIs into work related deaths

Frank Maguire, Thompsons Scotland

A family's perspective

Questions

4:30 Finish

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