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Mr Eric Joyce MP (*Labour, Falkirk West*)
Mr Mark Lazarowicz MP (*Labour/Co-op, Edinburgh North and Leith*)
Mr John Lyons MP (*Labour, Strathkelvin and Bearsden*)
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Mr John Robertson MP (*Labour, Glasgow Anniesland*)
Mr Mohammed Sarwar MP (*Labour, Glasgow Govan*)
Mr Michael Weir MP (*SNP, Angus*)

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE

Wednesday 17 October 2001

Members present:

Mrs Irene Adams	Mr Mark Lazarowicz
Mr Alistair Carmichael	Mr John Lyons
Mr Peter Duncan	Ann McKechin
Mr Eric Joyce	Mr John Robertson

Members disclosed their pecuniary interests pursuant to the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992. For details of declarations see Annex, p15.

Mrs Irene Adams was called to the Chair.

Ordered, That Strangers be admitted during the examination of witnesses unless the Committee decides otherwise.

Ordered, That witnesses submitting written memoranda to the Committee have leave to publish such evidence.

Resolved, That the Committee do finish the inquiry started by its predecessor into the Drinks Industry in Scotland.

The Chairman declared a non-pecuniary interest as Chairman of the All Party Group on Scotch Whisky.

Resolved, That the Committee do take evidence from the Scotland Office on the Scotland Office Departmental Report 2001.

Ordered, The Mr Stewart Dunlop be appointed a Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in its inquiry into the drinks industry in Scotland.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 24 October at Ten o'clock.

Wednesday 24 October 2001

Members present:

Mrs Irene Adams, in the Chair

Mr Peter Duncan	Ann McKechin
Mr Eric Joyce	Mr John Robertson
Mr Mark Lazarowicz	Mr Mohammed Sarwar
Mr John Lyons	Mr Michael Weir

The Committee deliberated.

Resolved, That the Committee do meet in Edinburgh with the Conveners' Liaison Group of the Scottish Parliament in Edinburgh.

Resolved, That the Committee do inquire into the Job Creation Potential of the Modernised Forth and Clyde Canal for Scotland.

Resolved, That the Committee do visit areas around the Forth and Clyde Canal on Monday 3 and Tuesday 4 December in connection with the said inquiry.

Resolved, That the Committee do inquire into Post Devolution News and Current Affairs Broadcasting in Scotland.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 31 October at Ten o'clock.

Wednesday 31 October 2001

Members present:

Mrs Irene Adams, in the Chair

Mr Alistair Carmichael

Mr Peter Duncan

Mr Mark Lazarowicz

Mr John Lyons

Ann McKechin

Mr John Robertson

Mr Mohammed Sarwar

Mr Michael Weir

The Committee deliberated.

Resolved, That David Heald, Professor of Accountancy and Finance, Aberdeen University, do brief the Committee in advance of the evidence session on the Scotland Office Departmental Report 2001 on 7 November.

Ordered, That the Committee do publish on the Internet uncorrected transcripts of evidence from Ministers due this day and on Wednesday 7 November.

The Drinks Industry in Scotland: Rt Hon Paul Boateng, a Member of the House, Financial Secretary, HM Treasury, Rt Hon Baroness Symons of Vernham Dean, Minister of State for Trade and Investment, Department of Trade and Industry, Rhona Brankin MSP, Deputy Minister for Environment and Rural Development, Mr Michael Kellet, Head, Water Framework Directive Team, Rural Development, Scottish Executive, Mr Tony Metcalfe, Assistant Director, Competition Policy Directorate, Mr Robert Crowhurst, Head of Unit, Trade Policy Directorate 3a, Department of Trade and Industry, Mr Andrew White, Director of Mergers, Office of Fair Trading, Mr Richard Summersgill, Head of Excise (Social Regimes), HM Customs and Excise, were examined.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 7 November at Ten o'clock.

Wednesday 7 November 2001

Members present:

Mrs Irene Adams, in the Chair

Mr Alistair Carmichael	Mr John Lyons
Mr Peter Duncan	Ann McKechin
Mr Eric Joyce	Mr John Robertson
Mr Mark Lazarowicz	Mr Michael Weir

The Committee deliberated.

Scotland Office Departmental Report 2001: Rt Hon Helen Liddell, a Member of the House, Secretary of State for Scotland, Mr George Foulkes, a Member of the House, Minister of State, Scotland Office, Dr Lynda Clark QC, Member of this House, Advocate General for Scotland, and Mr Ian Gordon, Head of Department, Scotland Office, were examined.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 14 November at Ten o'clock.

Wednesday 14 November 2001

Members present:

Mrs Irene Adams, in the Chair

Mr Mark Lazarowicz	Mr John Robertson
Mr John Lyons	Mr Mohammed Sarwar
Ann McKechin	Mr Michael Weir

The Committee deliberated.

Draft Report, (The Drinks Industry in Scotland), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

Ordered, That the draft Report be read a second time, paragraph by paragraph.

Paragraphs 1 to 155, read and agreed to.

Several Papers were ordered to be appended to the Report.

Resolved, That the Report be the First Report of the Committee to the House.

Ordered, That the Chairman do make the Report to the House.

Ordered, That the provisions of Standing Order No. 134 (Select committees (reports)) be applied to the Report.

[Adjourned to Monday 3 December at Two o'clock.

Monday 3 December 2001

*The Committee met at East Dunbartonshire Council Headquarters,
Tom Johnston House, Kirkintilloch*

Members present:

Mrs Irene Adams, in the Chair

Mr Alistair Carmichael	Ann McKechin
Mr Eric Joyce	Mr John Robertson
Mr Mark Lazarowicz	Mr Mohammed Sarwar
Mr John Lyons	

The Committee deliberated.

Job Creation Potential of the Modernised Forth, Clyde and Union Canal: Mr Campbell Christie, Board Member and Chairman of British Waterways Scotland Group, Mr Jim Stirling, Director, Mr George Ballinger, Regional Engineer Scotland and Mr Nigel Bell, Commercial Manager Scotland, British Waterways Scotland; Mr Daniel Henderson, Director of Economic, Planning and Environmental Services, West Dunbartonshire Council, Mr Steve Inch, Depute Director of Economic Regeneration and Environmental Services, Glasgow City Council, Mr George Thom, Strategic Director, Development and Environment, East Dunbartonshire Council, Ms Shirley Linton, Development Control Manager, North Lanarkshire Council, Mr Stephen Dunlop, Director, Community Services, Falkirk Council, Dr John C Sheldon, Team Leader, Environment, West Lothian Council and Mr Gerry Baker, Team Leader, Business Development, Edinburgh City Council; Mr Niall McGilp, Director, Competitive Locations, Scottish Enterprise Network, Mr Mike O'Connor, Director, Millennium Commission, Mr Laurie Russell, Chief Executive, Strathclyde European Partnership and Mr Gordon McLaren, Chief Executive, East of Scotland European Partnership, were examined.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 12 December at Ten o'clock.

Wednesday 12 December 2001

Members present:

Mrs Irene Adams, in the Chair

Mr Peter Duncan	Mr John Robertson
Mr Eric Joyce	Mr Mohammed Sarwar
Mr Mark Lazarowicz	Mr Michael Weir
Mr John Lyons	

The Committee deliberated.

Draft Report, (Job Creation Potential of the Modernised Forth, Clyde and Union Canal), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

Ordered, That the draft Report be read a second time, paragraph by paragraph.

Paragraphs 1 to 28, read and agreed to.

Annex agreed to.

Several Papers were ordered to be appended to the Report.

Resolved, That the Report be the Second Report of the Committee to the House.

Ordered, That the Chairman do make the Report to the House.

Ordered, That the provisions of Standing Order No. 134 (Select committees (reports)) be applied to the Report.

[Adjourned to Wednesday 23 January 2002 at half-past Nine o'clock.

Wednesday 23 January 2002

Members present:

Mrs Irene Adams, in the Chair

Mr Alistair Carmichael	Ann McKechin
Mr Peter Duncan	Mr John Robertson
Mr Eric Joyce	Mr Mohammed Sarwar
Mr Mark Lazarowicz	Mr Michael Weir
Mr John Lyons	

The Committee deliberated.

Resolved, That meetings arranged for Mondays should take place in the afternoon.

Resolved, That the Committee do inquire into Customs Services in Scotland.

Resolved, That the Committee do visit the Orkney Islands in connection with the inquiry into Customs Services in Scotland.

Resolved, That the Committee do inquire into Employment in Shipbuilding on the Clyde.

Post Devolution News and Current Affairs Broadcasting in Scotland: Mr John McCormick, Controller, BBC Scotland, Mr Blair Jenkins, Head of News and Current Affairs, BBC Scotland, Mr Roger Mosey, Head of Television News, BBC, BBC Scotland and Sir Robert Smith, National Governor and Chair, Broadcasting Council for Scotland, were examined.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 30 January at Ten o'clock.

Wednesday 30 January 2002

Members present:

Mrs Irene Adams, in the Chair

Mr Alistair Carmichael	Ann McKechin
Mr Peter Duncan	Mr John Robertson
Mr Eric Joyce	Mr Mohammed Sarwar
Mr Mark Lazarowicz	Mr Michael Weir
Mr John Lyons	

The Committee deliberated.

Resolved, That the Committee do take evidence on the work of the Commission for Racial Equality in Scotland.

Post Devolution News and Current Affairs Broadcasting in Scotland: Mr Donald Emslie, Chief Executive, SMG Television, Mr Sandy Ross, Managing Director, Scottish Television, Mr Derrick Thomson, Managing Director, Grampian Television, Mr Neil Robinson, Controller of Programmes, Border Television, Mr Russell Walker, Head of News, Radio Clyde and Mr David Goode, Managing Director, Radio Operations, Scottish Radio Holdings, were examined.

[Adjourned till Monday 4 February at Ten o'clock.

Monday 4 February 2002

The Committee met at Glasgow City Chambers

Members present:

Mrs Irene Adams, in the Chair

Mr Alistair Carmichael	Mr John Lyons
Mr Peter Duncan	Ann McKechin
Mr Eric Joyce	Mr Mohammed Sarwar
Mr Mark Lazarowicz	Mr Michael Weir

The Committee deliberated.

Post Devolution News and Current Affairs Broadcasting in Scotland: Mr David Hutchinson, Senior Lecturer in Media Studies, Glasgow Caledonian University, Mr Nigel Smith, former member of the Broadcasting Council for Scotland, former Chair, Broadcasting for Scotland Campaign and former Chair, Scotland Forward, Professor Philip Schlesinger, Director, Stirling Media Research Institute; and Frank McAveety, Member of Scottish Parliament, Mike Russell, Member of Scottish Parliament and Robert Brown, Member of Scottish Parliament, were examined.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 13 March at Ten o'clock.

Wednesday 13 March 2002

Members present:

Mrs Irene Adams, in the Chair

Mr Alistair Carmichael	Mr John Lyons
Mr Peter Duncan	Ann McKechin
Mr Eric Joyce	Mr Mohammed Sarwar
Mr Mark Lazarowicz	Mr Michael Weir

The Committee deliberated.

Draft Special Report, [The Drinks Industry in Scotland: Response by the Government and the Scottish Executive to the First Report of the Committee of Session 2001-02 (HC324)], proposed by the Chairman, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

Resolved, That the Report be the First Special Report of the Committee to the House.

Draft Report, (Post Devolution News and Current Affairs Broadcasting in Scotland), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

Ordered, That the draft Report be read a second time, paragraph by paragraph.

Paragraphs 1 to 38, read and agreed to.

Paragraph 39 read, as follows:

‘The task we set ourselves was to review the post-devolution news and current affairs arrangements for broadcasting in Scotland. It quickly became clear how much improved was the provision by the BBC with regard to the Scottish content. Prior to devolution the Scottish dimension in national news had been barely noticeable. We were reassured by the BBC about the level of contact between Glasgow and London which was now apparent. **But, whilst noting the lack of interest in the south of England in the Scottish Parliament, we would urge the BBC to include additional items in its news bulletins which reflect the progress of devolution. It is simply not balanced, reasonable or fair merely to report the sensational aspects of Scottish politics or policy areas where there might be some contradiction with developments in other parts of the UK. The evidence from the BBC clearly showed that there was no technical reason why a news programme mixing international, UK-wide and Scottish news made and edited in Scotland could not be produced, although some practical difficulties were identified.**’

Amendment proposed in paragraph 39, at end to add the words ‘and we believe that such a programme should be produced’.—(*Mr Michael Weir.*)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Ayes, 2

Mr Alistair Carmichael

Mr Michael Weir

Noes, 5

Mr Eric Joyce

Mr Mark Lazarowicz

Mr John Lyons

Ann McKechin

Mr Mohammed Sarwar

Paragraphs 40 to 49 read and agreed to.

Resolved, That the Report be the Third Report of the Committee to the House.

Ordered, That the Chairman do make the Report to the House.

Ordered, That the provisions of Standing Order No.134 (Select Committees (reports)) be applied to the Report.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 20 March at Ten o'clock

Wednesday 20 March 2002

Members present:

Mrs Irene Adams, in the Chair

Mr Alistair Carmichael

Mr Eric Joyce

Mr Mark Lazarowicz

Mr John Lyons

Ann McKechin

Mr John Robertson

Mr Mohammed Sarwar

Mr Michael Weir

The Committee deliberated.

The Work of the Commission for Racial Equality in Scotland: Mr Daniel Silverstone, Chief Executive, Ms Liesl Centenera, Corporate Lawyer, Commission for Racial Equality, Mr Dharmendra Kanani, Head, Mr Mick Conboy, Head of Public Policy, Ms Kathleen Bolt, Head of Legal Affairs and Lucy Chapman, Press and Parliamentary Officer, Commission for Racial Equality in Scotland, were examined.

[Adjourned till Monday 22 April at Two o'clock

Monday 22 April 2002

The Committee met at Renfrewshire Council Chambers

Members present:

Mrs Irene Adams, in the Chair

Mr Alistair Carmichael
Mr Mark Lazarowicz
Mr John Lyons

Ann McKechin
Mr John Robertson
Mr Mohammed Sarwar

The Committee deliberated.

Customs Services in Scotland: Mr Terry Byrne, Director Law Enforcement, Mr Ian Mackay, Regional Business Services Manager and Mr Steve Brassington, Head of Detection North Region, HM Customs and Excise; Mr Mike Duggan, Senior National Officer, Mr Paul Smyth, Departmental Trade Union Secretary, Mr John Brown, Scottish Customs and Excise Branch representative and Mr Frank Thompson, Scottish Customs and Excise Branch representative, Public and Commercial Services Union, were examined.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 1 May at Ten o'clock

Wednesday 1 May 2002

Members present:

Mrs Irene Adams, in the Chair

Mr Alistair Carmichael
Mr Mark Lazarowicz
Mr John Lyons

Ann McKechin
Mr Michael Weir

The Committee deliberated.

Draft Report, (Customs Services in Scotland), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

Ordered, That the draft Report be read a second time, paragraph by paragraph.

Paragraphs 1 to 26 read and agreed to.

Resolved, That the Report be the Fourth Report of the Committee to the House.

Ordered, That the Chairman do make the Report to the House.

Ordered, That the provisions of Standing Order No. 134 (Select committees (reports)) be applied to the Report.

[Adjourned to Monday 20 May at Two o'clock.

Monday 20 May 2002

The Committee met at The Metro Centre, Anniesland College, Glasgow

Members present:

Mrs Irene Adams, in the Chair

Mr Peter Duncan
Mr Eric Joyce
Mr John Lyons
Ann McKechin

Mr John Robertson
Mr Mohammed Sarwar
Mr Michael Weir

The Committee deliberated.

Employment in Shipbuilding on the Clyde: Dr Robert Crawford, Chief Executive, Scottish Enterprise, Mr Ron Culley, Chief Executive, Scottish Enterprise Glasgow, Mr Steve Inch, Deputy Director, Economic Regeneration and Environmental Services, Glasgow City Council; Mr Danny Carrigan, Scottish Regional Secretary, AEEU, Mr Jim Moohan, Senior Organiser, Mr John Dolan, Convenor, Scotstoun Shipyard, Mr James Webster, Convenor, Govan Shipyard, GMB and Mr Hugh Scullion, Full-time Official, Mr David Torrence, Convenor, Govan Shipyard, MSF, were examined.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 19 June at Ten o'clock.

Wednesday 19 June 2002

Members present:

Mrs Irene Adams, in the Chair

Mr Alistair Carmichael
Mr Peter Duncan
Mr Eric Joyce
Mr Mark Lazarowicz
Mr John Lyons

Ann McKechin
Mr John Robertson
Mr Mohammed Sarwar
Mr Michael Weir

The Committee deliberated.

Employment in Shipbuilding on the Clyde: Mr Brian Phillipson, Group Managing Director, Sea Systems and Mr Simon Kirby, Managing Director Type 45 (formerly Managing Director BAE Systems Marine) BAE Systems; Lord Bach, Minister for Defence Procurement, and Mr Andy McClelland, Support Director, E and H Group, Defence

Procurement Agency, Ministry of Defence, Mr Brian Wilson MP, Minister of State for Industry, Energy and the Environment and Mr Norman Brice, Assistant Director, Marine Unit (Shipbuilding), Department of Trade and Industry, Mrs Anne McGuire MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State and Mr Ian Hooper, Head of Economy and Industry Division, Scotland Office, were examined.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 26 June at Ten o'clock.

Wednesday 26 June 2002

Members present:

Mrs Irene Adams, in the Chair

Mr Alistair Carmichael	Mr John Robertson
Mr Mark Lazarowicz	Mr Mohammed Sarwar
Mr John Lyons	Mr Michael Weir
Ann McKechin	

The Committee deliberated.

Resolved, That the Committee do take evidence from the Scottish Consumer Council.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 3 July at Ten o'clock.

Wednesday 3 July 2002

Members present:

Mrs Irene Adams, in the Chair

Mr Alistair Carmichael	Ann McKechin
Mr Peter Duncan	Mr John Robertson
Mr Eric Joyce	Mr Mohammed Sarwar
Mr John Lyons	Mr Michael Weir

The Committee deliberated.

Draft Report, (Employment in Shipbuilding on the Clyde), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

Ordered, That the draft Report be read a second time, paragraph by paragraph.

Paragraphs 1 to 49, read and agreed to.

Annex agreed to.

Resolved, That the Report be the Fifth Report of the Committee to the House.

Ordered, That the Chairman do make the Report to the House.

Ordered, That the provisions of Standing Order No. 134 (Select committees (reports)) be applied to the Report.

[Adjourned to Wednesday 30 October at Ten o'clock.

Wednesday 30 October 2002

Members present:

Mrs Irene Adams, in the Chair

Mr Eric Joyce
Mr Mark Lazarowicz
Mr John Lyons

Ann McKechin
Mr John Robertson

The Committee deliberated.

Draft Special Report, [Customs Services in Scotland: Response by the Government to the Fourth report of the Committee of Session 2001-02 (HC 782)], proposed by the Chairman, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

Resolved, That the Report be the Second Special Report of the Committee to the House.

Ordered, That uncorrected transcripts of all oral evidence be published on the Internet.

Resolved, That the Committee notes the guidance on core tasks issued by the Liaison Committee.

Resolved, That the Committee do take evidence from Citizens Advice Scotland.

Resolved, That the Committee do take evidence from Scottish Enterprise.

Resolved, That the Committee do inquire into Homeworkers and the Minimum Wage.

Scottish Consumer Council: Mr Graeme Millar, Chairman, Mr Martyn Evans, Director and Ms Trisha McAuley, Head of Corporate Resources, Scottish Consumer Council, were examined.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 20 November at Ten o'clock.

**DECLARATION OF INTERESTS MADE AT THE MEETING ON
17 OCTOBER 2001.****ADAMS, Irene (Paisley North)**

Nil.

ATKINSON, Peter (Hexham)**Remunerated employment, office, profession etc**

Parliamentary and public affairs consultant, Countryside Alliance. (£10,001–£15,000)
Freelance journalism. Member of the political opinion panel of BPRI (Business
Planning and Research International). (£1–£1,000). The fees received are paid
directly to Hexham Conservative Association.

Sponsorship or financial or material support

Research work provided by Countryside Alliance.

Gifts, benefits and hospitality (UK)

15 January 2001, a day's shooting and overnight hotel accommodation for my wife and
me, near Kelso, as the guest of the Tobacco Manufacturers' Association.

CARMICHAEL, Alistair (Orkney and Shetland)

My only source of income is from my parliamentary salary.

I am director of one limited company—Aberdeenshire Women's Aid. I receive no
remuneration for this.

I am a member of the Law Society of Scotland although I derive no income from practice
as a solicitor.

The only benefit in kind which I have accepted is a car park pass from British Airports
Authority.

My wife is a member of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons from which she
derives an income independent of mine.

I own no shares or stocks.

DUNCAN, Peter (Galloway and Upper Nithsdale)**Sponsorship or financial or material support**

A contribution of more than 25% of my election expenses at the 2001 General Election
was made by Mr Leon Litchfield.

JOYCE, Eric (Falkirk West)

Remunerated employment, office, profession etc

Occasional fees for articles in the UK press.

Gifts, benefits and hospitality (UK)

December 2000, I received a gift of a table lamp from the Camelon Labour Club in Falkirk, following my election.

10–11 September 2001, visit to the offshore Triton Floating Production in the North Sea as a guest of Amerada Hess, who paid for my overnight hotel accommodation in Aberdeen and helicopter flight to the platform.

Overseas visits

1–7 August 2001, to Democratic Republic of Congo, with All-Party Group on Rwanda, Great Lakes Region and Prevention of Genocide. Travel, accommodation and associated hospitality funded by the charities Oxfam, Christian Aid, Save the Children and Tearfund.

LAZAROWICZ, Mark (Edinburgh North and Leith)

Remunerated employment, office, profession etc

Member, Faculty of Advocates [non-practising member since 21 September 2001]. Occasional book royalties, Butterworths.

Sponsorship and financial or material support

Research, drafting and publicity support provided by the Co-operative Party in connection with the promotion of Private Members' Bill.

Gifts, benefits and hospitality (UK)

Mackenzie & Storrie (Printers, Leith) sponsored my 2001 Christmas card, by printing it without charge.

Miscellaneous and unremunerated interests

Member of Transport and General Workers' Union.

Member (unpaid) of Board of Directors of Centre for Scottish Public Policy.

LYONS, John (Strathkelvin and Bearsden)

Sponsorship or financial or material support

A contribution of more than 25% of my election expenses at the 2001 General Election was made by UNISON. (I was previously employed by UNISON and remain a member.)

McKECHIN, Ann (Glasgow, Maryhill)**Remunerated employment, office, profession etc**

Solicitor acting as curator on two estates. All commission received passed to instructing solicitors by way of their fees; accordingly no remuneration received personally.

Member of Political Opinion Panel of BPRI (Business Planning and Research International) (£1–1,000).

Member of MORI Parliamentary Panel (£1–1,000).

All fees in connection with the above Parliamentary Panels are submitted to charity.

ROBERTSON, John (Glasgow Anniesland)

Nil.

SARWAR, Mohammed (Glasgow Govan)**Overseas visits**

8–14 September 1999, to Pakistan and Azad Kashmir. Hotel accommodation and travel expenses were met by the Government of Azad Kashmir.

20–27 December 1999, to Saudi Arabia. Hotel accommodation and travel expenses from Jeddah to Riyadh and from Riyadh to Medina were met by Prince Bandar bin Salman Al Saud of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Land and Property

Two investment properties in Glasgow. Agricultural land in Pakistan.

Registrable shareholdings

United Wholesale Grocers Limited; wholesale cash and carry and business in cigarettes, alcohol and grocery. United Cash and Carry Limited; trading in electrical, hardware, fancy goods and clothing.

WEIR, Mike (Angus)**Remunerated employment, office, profession etc**

I was a partner in the firm of J & DG Shiell, Solicitors, Brechin, until my resignation on 31 July 2001.

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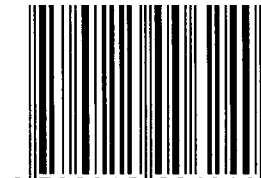
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