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Legal Action Settled

Sir Robert McAlpine Construction Management Ltd and the Scottish Parliament have agreed a settlement of McAlpine's Court of Session action against the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body (SPCB).

The action was brought for alleged breaches of procurement requirements in the tendering process for the construction of the Parliament building. The Corporate Body was required to defend the action as the statutory successor of the Scottish Office in regard to decisions taken then.

The agreement to settle the case was secured following face-to-face discussions at Holyrood immediately before Christmas between Presiding Officer, George Reid MSP, and McAlpine Director, David Boyle.

George Reid MSP said:

"Achieving a settlement of this case was clearly in the public interest given the potential costs. I am therefore delighted that we have been able to reach this agreement with McAlpine.

"I now look forward to both parties being able to concentrate fully on their core business once again - McAlpine on serving its customers through its construction business and the Parliament on serving the interests of the Scottish people."

Background

The parties have agreed to settle without any admission of liability on either side. Each will meet its own costs arising from the 12-month case. No payment will be made by the Parliament to the construction company.

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