

9 REGISTRATION SERVICE (AN419-2004)

(a) ANCESTRAL TOURISM

Scottish Enterprise, Highlands and Islands Enterprise and Visit Scotland have formed a partnership to develop genealogy/ancestral tourism in Scotland. The Registrar General for Scotland has been asked to participate in the work of a National Steering Group being set up to develop this potentially significant aspect of the Tourism Industry in Scotland.

In this connection, the Registrar General has asked Dundee's City Registrar, Mr Grant Law, to be his representative on the National Steering Group. This is a recognition of the success of the unique genealogy service provided by the Registrar's team in Dundee, and of the City Registrar's experience in this field.

The Committee is asked to note this appointment.

(b) CITIZENSHIP CEREMONIES – HOME OFFICE LIAISON GROUP

The Administration Manager is an adviser to COSLA on Registration matters and as such has been involved in drawing up the regulations and arrangements for Citizenship Ceremonies. Now that the initial ceremonies have taken place across Scotland, the Home Office is setting up a UK National Citizenship Ceremonies Liaison Group (CCLG) to provide advice and guidance to local authorities on citizenship matters, and the Administration Manager has been asked to represent Scottish Local Authorities on that Group. It is intended that as much liaison as possible will be conducted via e-mail, with very occasional meetings at the Home Office Nationality Group HQ in Liverpool.

The Committee is asked to note this appointment.