



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

DEVOLUTION (FURTHER POWERS) COMMITTEE

MINUTES

27th Meeting, 2015 (Session 4)

Thursday 12 November 2015

Present:

Malcolm Chisholm
Linda Fabiani
Alex Johnstone
Stewart Maxwell
Stuart McMillan
Tavish Scott

Bruce Crawford (Convener)
Rob Gibson
Alison Johnstone
Mark McDonald
Duncan McNeil (Deputy Convener)

In attendance: Nicola McEwen (Committee Adviser)

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take items 3 and 4 in private.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee took evidence on the Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) Order 2015 [draft] from—

Gordon Blair, Chief Legal Officer, West Lothian Council, Depute Returning Officer, West Lothian, Chair of the SOLAR Elections Working Group, Adviser to the Electoral Management Board for Scotland;

Ian Milton, Grampian Assessor & Electoral Registration Officer, Chair of the Scottish Assessors Association (SAA) Electoral Registration Committee, Member of the Electoral Management Board for Scotland;

Andy O'Neill, Head of Office Scotland, The Electoral Commission;

Mary Pitcaithly, Chief Counting Officer at the Scottish Independence Referendum, Convener of the Electoral Management Board for Scotland.

3. **Scotland Bill (Update on Report Stage) (in private):** The Committee

considered an update on the Scotland Bill following Report Stage in the House of Commons and agreed to write to the Secretary of State for Scotland.

4. **Committee Guide to Devolution in Scotland (in private):** The Committee agreed its Guide to Devolution in Scotland.

The meeting closed at 11.13 am.

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