FINANCE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

20th Meeting, 2010 (Session 3)

Tuesday 21 September 2010

Present:

Derek Brownlee  Malcolm Chisholm
Linda Fabiani    Joe FitzPatrick
Tom McCabe (Deputy Convener)  Andrew Welsh (Convener)
David Whitton

Apologies were received from Jeremy Purvis.

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Long term approaches to public spending**: The Committee took evidence from—

   Alan Sinclair, Centre for Confidence;

   Sir John Arbuthnott, Royal Society of Edinburgh;

   Dr Michael Harris, National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts;

   Professor Edward Melhuish, University of London.

2. **Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill**: The Committee took evidence on the Financial Memorandum of the Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill from—

   Rhoda Grant MSP;

   Liza Gilhooly, Researcher to Rhoda Grant MSP.

3. **Decision on taking business in private**: The Committee agreed that a draft report on the Financial Memorandum of the Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill should be taken in private at future meetings.
4. **Wildlife and Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee agreed to adopt level one scrutiny in relation to the Financial Memorandum of the Wildlife and Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill.

5. **Damages (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee agreed it's report on the Financial Memorandum of the Damages (Scotland) Bill.

The meeting closed at 3.46 pm.

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