1. Inquiry into decision making on whether to take children into care: The Committee took evidence from—

- Donald Urquhart, Independent Chair, Child Protection Committee;
- Jo Macpherson, Representative (West Lothian Council), Community Planning Partnership;
- Jim Carle, NHS Ayrshire and Arran, Chair, Child Health Commissioner's National Group;
- Hugh McNaughtan, Authority Chair, Glasgow Children's Panel;
- Carolyn Brown, Area Depute Principal Psychologist, Association of Scottish Principal Educational Psychologists;
- Dr Helen Hammond, Paediatrician;
- Detective Chief Superintendent Gill Imery, Police Scotland.
2. **Post-16 Education (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee considered the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 2).

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 72, 73, 74, 161, 75, 76, 162, 77, 29, 31, 79, 80, 81, 83, 164, 84, 166, 167 and 39.

The following agreements were agreed to (by division)—
- 82 (For 8, Against 1, Abstentions 0)
- 165 (For 7, Against 2, Abstentions 0)

The following agreements were disagreed to (by division)—
- 156 (For 4, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
- 157 (For 4, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
- 131 (For 2, Against 7, Abstentions 0)
- 158 (For 4, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
- 159 (For 4, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
- 160 (For 4, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
- 132 (For 4, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
- 133 (For 4, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
- 30 (For 4, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
- 134 (For 4, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
- 135 (For 4, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
- 32 (For 4, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
- 163 (For 2, Against 7, Abstentions 0)
- 33 (For 4, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
- 136 (For 4, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
- 37 (For 4, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
- 38 (For 4, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
- 40 (For 4, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
- 41 (For 4, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
- 168 (For 3, Against 5, Abstentions 1)

The following amendments were pre-empted: 34 and 35.

The following provisions were agreed to as amended: sections 5, 6 and 7.

The Committee ended consideration of the Bill for the day section 7 having been agreed to.

The meeting closed at 1.24 pm.

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