



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

EDUCATION AND CULTURE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

17th Meeting, 2013 (Session 4)

Tuesday 28 May 2013

Present:

George Adam

Colin Beattie

Neil Findlay (Deputy Convener)

Joan McAlpine

Liz Smith

Clare Adamson

Neil Bibby

Stewart Maxwell (Convener)

Liam McArthur

Also present: Michael Russell (Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning) and Marco Biagi.

The meeting opened at 9.32 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take item 4 in private.
2. **Inquiry into decision making on whether to take children into care:** The Committee took evidence from—

Tom McGhee, Managing Director, Spark of Genius, Scottish Children's Services Coalition;

Mark Ballard, Head of Policy, Barnardo's Scotland;

Barbara Hudson, Director, British Association for Adoption & Fostering;

John Stevenson, Representative from Social Work Issues Group, UNISON;

Ruth Stark, Manager, Scottish Association of Social Work;

Matt Forde, Director, NSPCC Scotland.

3. **Post-16 Education (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee considered the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 3).

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 169, 170, 86, 171, 139, 87, 88, 178, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 187, 150, 190, 191, 192, 109, 110, 111, 112, 63, 64, 65, 113, 114, 115, 69, 116, 117, 118, 122, 155, 10, 123, 124, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

85 (For 8, Against 1, Abstentions 0)
 138 (For 7, Against 2, Abstentions 0)
 96 (For 7, Against 1, Abstentions 1)
 182 (For 7, Against 2, Abstentions 0)
 189 (For 7, Against 2, Abstentions 0)
 103 (For 7, Against 0, Abstentions 2)
 104 (For 7, Against 0, Abstentions 2)
 105 (For 7, Against 0, Abstentions 2)
 106 (For 7, Against 0, Abstentions 2)
 107 (For 7, Against 0, Abstentions 2)
 108 (For 7, Against 0, Abstentions 2)
 193 (For 6, Against 2, Abstentions 1)
 119 (For 7, Against 0, Abstentions 2)
 120 (For 7, Against 0, Abstentions 2)
 121 (For 7, Against 0, Abstentions 2)
 125 (For 7, Against 2, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

137 (For 4, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
 172 (For 4, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
 173 (For 4, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
 174 (For 4, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
 140 (For 2, Against 5, Abstentions 2)
 175 (For 4, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
 176 (For 4, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
 177 (For 4, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
 179 (For 4, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
 180 (For 4, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
 141 (For 2, Against 5, Abstentions 2)
 44 (For 4, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
 45 (For 4, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
 46 (For 4, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
 142 (For 4, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
 47 (For 4, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
 48 (For 4, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
 143 (For 2, Against 5, Abstentions 2)
 144 (For 4, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
 49 (For 4, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
 50 (For 4, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
 51 (For 4, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
 52 (For 4, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
 145 (For 4, Against 5, Abstentions 0)

53 (For 4, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
146 (For 4, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
147 (For 4, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
181 (For 2, Against 7, Abstentions 0)
54 (For 4, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
148 (For 4, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
55 (For 4, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
149 (For 2, Against 7, Abstentions 0)
183 (For 3, Against 5, Abstentions 1)
184 (For 2, Against 7, Abstentions 0)
185 (For 2, Against 7, Abstentions 0)
186 (For 2, Against 7, Abstentions 0)
188 (For 2, Against 7, Abstentions 0)
56 (For 4, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
57 (For 4, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
68 (For 4, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
153 (For 2, Against 7, Abstentions 0)
154 (For 2, Against 7, Abstentions 0)
196 (For 2, Against 7, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were pre-empted: 62, 66, 67, 70, 194 and 195.

The following amendments were not moved: 43, 71, 151, 152, 11, 60, 61 and 6.

The following provisions were agreed to without amendment: sections 9, 13, 16, 17, 18 and 19 and the long title.

The following provisions were agreed to as amended: sections 8, 10, 11, 12, 14 and 15 and the schedule.

The Committee completed Stage 2 consideration of the Bill.

4. **Annual report (in private):** The Committee considered a draft annual report for the parliamentary year from 11 May 2012 to 10 May 2013. Various changes were agreed to, and the report was agreed for publication.

The meeting closed at 12.52 pm.

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