Equalities

1. Equalities issues have been integral to the Committee’s budget scrutiny this year. From the outset, the Committee decided to take oral evidence from STUC and the Poverty Alliance to gain a broader understanding of the impact of the budget on social inequality.

2. Some measures explored by the Committee have had a particular resonance for some of the groups under the definition of equal opportunities contained in the Scotland Act 1998. Fuel poverty is an issue that disproportionately affects senior citizens, those with disabilities and those with lower socio-economic status.

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