EUROPEAN AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

1st Meeting, 2013 (Session 4)

Thursday 10 January 2013

Present:

Clare Adamson  Roderick Campbell
Willie Coffey  Helen Eadie
Hanzala Malik (Deputy Convener)  Jamie McGrigor
Christina McKelvie (Convener)

Also present: Bob Doris MSP

The meeting opened at 9.04 am.

1. Foreign language learning in primary schools: The Committee took evidence from—

   Simon Macaulay, Chair, and Gillian Campbell-Thow, Cultural Organisations and Local Authority Advisers representative, Scottish Government Languages Working Group;

   John Bissett, Senior Policy Officer, Languages Team, and Tim Simons, Head of Curriculum Unit, Scottish Government.

2. Consular support for Scottish citizens abroad: The Committee considered a paper from the Clerk and agreed to write to the British Insurers' Association and to consider the issue further at a future meeting.

3. Brussels Bulletin: The Committee considered the latest issue of the Brussels Bulletin and agreed to forward it to relevant Committees for their consideration.

4. Exploration of the range of EU funds available: The Committee considered a paper from the Clerk and agreed to circulate that paper to subject committees for information. The Committee also agreed to write to the Scottish Government and to consider an approach to future work upon receipt of its response.
5. Foreign language learning in primary schools: The Committee noted a report of the launch of the inquiry.

The meeting closed at 11.33 am.

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