



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

16th Meeting, 2013 (Session 4)

Wednesday 29 May 2013

Present:

Gavin Brown	Malcolm Chisholm
Kenneth Gibson (Convener)	Jamie Hepburn
John Mason (Deputy Convener)	Michael McMahon
Jean Urquhart	

Also present: John Swinney (Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth) (item 3).

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take item 4 in private.
2. **Scottish Independence Referendum Bill:** The Committee took evidence on the Financial Memorandum from—  

Stephen Sadler, Head of Elections Team, and Louise Unwin, Senior Policy Officer, Scottish Government.
3. **Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee considered the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 1).

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29.

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—  
33 (For 2, Against 5, Abstentions 0)  
34 (For 2, Against 5, Abstentions 0)

The following provisions were agreed to without amendment: sections 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27,

schedules 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15 and 16 and sections 28, 29, 31, 32, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 41 and 42.

The following provisions were agreed to as amended: sections 1 and 4, schedules 1, 2, 8, 13 and 14 and sections 30, 33, 40 and 43.

The Committee ended consideration of the Bill for the day section 43 having been agreed to.

4. **Scottish Independence Referendum Bill (in private):** The Committee considered the evidence from the Bill team and agreed to write to the lead committee.

The meeting closed at 11.20 am.

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