To consider how the Parliamentary week can best be organised to allow the Parliament to be effective in its key roles of legislation, scrutiny and debate; and specifically:

- the potential benefits of changing Chamber and committee sitting patterns;

I do not believe that changing the sitting patterns will benefit the parliament or the debate. I do however believe that the chamber should be allowed to sit, in an emergency situation at the same time as committees and it should be easier to reconvene Parliament should this be required.

This is a cosmetic change and the only way to make the parliamentary debate more relevant to end the strictures placed upon debating times – a debate cannot flow when speakers are cut off or forced to fill 6 minutes when the point they wish to make could be made in two allowing someone else in on the debate.

I also believe that the parliament needs to retain it “family friendly hours” – while for someone who needs to be away from home to attend the parliament there are no hours that could be family friendly, the current hours do however allow for civic Scotland, pressure groups and individuals to interact with the parliament through cross party groups and receptions – we need to protect that interaction.

- the potential benefits of changing the format and regularity of question times;

Question time does not work because having to put questions in so far in advance makes them pretty meaningless – one supplementary can be evaded – again this is a change of format rather than time.

- how to make best use of Chamber time;

See above. Debates need to be allowed to be debates rather than times for set piece speeches.

- the potential to introduce new forms of business into the Chamber.

Not exactly sure what this point is about – however we should have a flexible system that allows us to change how we do business.