WELFARE REFORM COMMITTEE

MINUTES

2nd Meeting, 2015 (Session 4)

Tuesday 27 January 2015

Present:

Clare Adamson (Deputy Convener)  Annabel Goldie
Joan McAlpine                  Margaret McDougall
Christina McKelvie             Michael McMahon (Convener)
Kevin Stewart

Also present: Margaret Burgess, Minister for Housing and Welfare and Ken Macintosh

The meeting opened at 10.04 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private**: The Committee decided to take item 3 in private.

2. **Welfare Funds (Scotland) Bill**: The Committee considered the Bill at Stage 2.

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

   Amendment 2 was agreed to (by division: For 6, Against 1, Abstentions 0).

   The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—
   24 (For 2, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
   25 (For 2, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
   27 (For 3, Against 4, Abstentions 0)
   29 (For 3, Against 4, Abstentions 0)
   31 (For 3, Against 4, Abstentions 0)

   Amendment 19 was moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn.

   The following amendments were not moved: 26 and 28.
The following provisions were agreed to without amendment: sections 1, 8 and the long title.

The following provisions were agreed to as amended: sections 2, 4, 5, 6 and 7.

The Committee completed Stage 2 consideration of the Bill.

3. **Proposal for commissioned research (in private):** The Committee considered a note by the Clerk and agreed to go ahead with the research as proposed.

The meeting closed at 12.09 pm.

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