The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. **Fact-finding visit:** The Committee heard a report back from a fact-finding visit to an Atos assessment centre.

2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee took evidence on the Scotland Act 1998 (Modification of Schedule 5) (No. 2) Order 2012 [draft] from—

   Margaret Burgess, Minister for Housing and Welfare, Ann McVie, Team Leader, Welfare Division, and Colin Brown, Senior Principal Legal Officer, Directorate for Legal Services, Scottish Government.

3. **Subordinate legislation:** Margaret Burgess (Minister for Housing and Welfare) moved—S4M-05103—That the Welfare Reform Committee recommends that the Scotland Act 1998 (Modification of Schedule 5) (No. 2) Order 2012 [draft] be approved.

   The Committee agreed to the motion.

4. **Social Security Advisory Committee:** The Committee took evidence from—

   Paul Gray, Chair, and Professor Janet Walker, Deputy Chair, Social Security Advisory Committee.

5. **Scottish Welfare Fund:** The Committee took evidence from—
6. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee considered and noted the following negative instrument—

the Council Tax Reduction (Scotland) Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/303).

The meeting closed at 12.32 pm.

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