



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

ECONOMY, JOBS AND FAIR WORK COMMITTEE

MINUTES

22nd Meeting, 2017 (Session 5)

Tuesday 12 September 2017

Present:

Jackie Baillie	Ash Denham
Jamie Halcro Johnston	Richard Leonard
Gordon Lindhurst (Convener)	Dean Lockhart
Gillian Martin	John Mason (Deputy Convener)
Gil Paterson	Andy Wightman

Apologies were received from Gordon MacDonald.

The meeting opened at 9.47 am.

1. **Declaration of interests:** Jamie Halcro Johnston was invited to declare any relevant interests. He declared that he is a partner in J Halcro-Johnston and Sons (a farming concern in Orkney) and a director and part owner of Campaignhouse Ltd (a consultancy company) which is in the process of being wound up.
2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take items 4 and 5 in private.
3. **Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2018-19:** The Committee took evidence from—

Charlotte Wright, Chief Executive, and Sandra Dunbar, Head of Business Improvement and Internal Audit, Highlands and Islands Enterprise;

Linda Hanna, Managing Director, Strategy and Sectors, and Iain Scott, Chief Financial Officer, Scottish Enterprise.
4. **Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2018-19 (in private):** The Committee considered the evidence heard at today's meeting.

5. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee considered its work programme and agreed its approach to its Performance of the Scottish Economy inquiry.

The meeting closed at 12.45 pm.

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