



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

EDUCATION AND SKILLS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

22nd Meeting, 2017 (Session 5)

Wednesday 13 September 2017

Present:

Michelle Ballantyne (Committee Substitute)	Colin Beattie
James Dornan (Convener)	Ross Greer
Clare Haughey	Daniel Johnson
Johann Lamont (Deputy Convener)	Ruth Maguire
Gillian Martin	Tavish Scott
Liz Smith	

Apologies were received from Oliver Mundell.

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Declaration of interests:** Michelle Ballantyne declared that she is a Councillor in the Scottish Borders and has involvement in the voluntary sector in children services supporting children with additional support needs.
2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take item 4 in private.
3. **SQA Performance:** The Committee heard evidence from—

Dr Janet Brown, Chief Executive, Linda Ellison, Director of Finance, and Robert Quinn, Head of Qualifications Development: English, Language, Business and Core Skills., Scottish Qualifications Authority.

The Committee agreed to write to the SQA on issues arising from the session.

4. **Children and Young People (Information Sharing) (Scotland) Bill Witness selection (in private):** The Committee selected further witnesses for future evidence sessions regarding the Children and Young People (Information Sharing) (Scotland) Bill.

5. **School Infrastructure (in private):** The Committee considered a draft report and agreed to consider a further draft at a future meeting.

The meeting closed at 12.09 pm.

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