



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

EDUCATION AND SKILLS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

29th Meeting, 2017 (Session 5)

Wednesday 22 November 2017

Present:

George Adam	James Dornan (Convener)
Ross Greer	Daniel Johnson
Johann Lamont (Deputy Convener)	Richard Lochhead
Ruth Maguire	Gillian Martin
Oliver Mundell	Tavish Scott
Liz Smith	

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Declaration of interests:** George Adam and Richard Lochhead both stated that they had no relevant interests to declare.
2. **Decision on taking item in private:** The Committee agreed to take agenda item 7 in private.
3. **Teacher workforce planning:** The Committee agreed to write to the Scottish Government, Education Scotland and the SQA on issues arising from the responses received to its report.
4. **EU Reporter work:** The Committee agreed to write to the Scottish Government and Universities Scotland for views on the risks to the Horizon 2020 funding. The Committee also agreed to make cross party representation to the UK Government to gain its views and clarification on the Horizon 2020 funding.
5. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee considered the following negative instruments—

SSI 2017/353: The Section 70 (Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2017;

SSI 2017/355: The Additional Support for Learning (Collection of Data) (Scotland) Regulations 2017; and

SSI 2017/356: The Additional Support for Learning Dispute Resolution (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017.

The Committee agreed to make no recommendations in relation to these instruments.

6. **Children and Young People (Information Sharing) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee considered its approach at Stage 1 and agreed to consider the matter further at its next meeting.
7. **Work Programme:** The Committee considered its work programme and agreed to write to the Scottish Government regarding the draft Supporting Children's Learning Code of Practice.

The Committee also agreed to write to the Scottish Government on the Education (Scotland) Bill consultation and seek to send a delegation to Finland and Sweden to inform the scrutiny of the Scottish Government education reforms.

The meeting closed at 11.23 am.

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