



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

EDUCATION AND SKILLS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

3rd Meeting, 2018 (Session 5)

Wednesday 24 January 2018

Present:

George Adam
Ross Greer
Richard Lochhead
Gillian Martin
Tavish Scott

James Dornan (Convener)
Johann Lamont (Deputy Convener)
Ruth Maguire
Oliver Mundell
Liz Smith

Apologies were received from Mary Fee.

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Decision to take item in private:** The Committee agreed to take agenda item 8 in private.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee took evidence on the Police Act 1997 and the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007 Remedial Order 2018 [draft] from—

Maree Todd MSP, Minister for Childcare and Early Years, Scottish Government;

Lynne McMinn, Policy Manager, Disclosure Scotland; and

Ailsa Heine, Senior Principal Legal Officer, Scottish Government.

The Minister agreed to write to the Committee offering clarification and assurances on a number of matters.

3. **Subordinate legislation:** Maree Todd (Minister for Childcare and Early Years) moved—

S5M-9985—That the Education and Skills Committee recommends that the Police Act 1997 and the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007 Remedial Order 2018 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to.

4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee took evidence on the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exclusions and Exceptions) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2018 [draft] from—

Maree Todd MSP, Minister for Childcare and Early Years, Scottish Government.

5. **Subordinate legislation:** Maree Todd (Minister for Childcare and Early Years) moved—

S5M-9984—That the Education and Skills Committee recommends that the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exclusions and Exceptions) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2018 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to.

6. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee considered and made no comments on the following negative instrument —

Teachers' Pension Scheme (Scotland) (No. 2) Amendment Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/454).

7. **Review of responses:** The Committee considered the responses to its School Infrastructure report and agreed to write to the Scottish Government in relation to smoke detectors in schools.
8. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee considered its work programme and agreed to give a number of matters further consideration at its meeting on 7 February 2018.
9. **Review of evidence (in private):** The Committee reviewed the evidence it gathered on education reforms during its visit to Glasgow on 15th January.

The meeting closed at 11.31 am.

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