



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

EDUCATION AND SKILLS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

6th Meeting, 2016 (Session 5)

Wednesday 28 September 2016

Present:

Colin Beattie
Ross Greer
Richard Lochhead
Tavish Scott
Ross Thomson

James Dornan (Convener)
Daniel Johnson
Gillian Martin
Liz Smith

Apologies were received from Johann Lamont (Deputy Convener), Fulton MacGregor.

The meeting opened at 9.46 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take item 4 in private.
2. **Overview of Curriculum for Excellence:** The Committee took evidence from—

Keir Bloomer, Convener of the Education Committee, Royal Society of Edinburgh;

Dr Janet Brown, Chief Executive, Scottish Qualifications Authority;

Ann Grant, Headteacher, Shawlands Academy;

Susan Quinn, Education Committee Convener, Educational Institute of Scotland.
3. **Review of Evidence (in private):** The Committee discussed the evidence heard earlier in the meeting and agreed to write to the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills on issues raised.
4. **Higher Education and Research Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (in**

private): The Committee considered the legislative consent memorandum lodged by John Swinney, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (LCM(S5)4). The Committee agreed to seek written evidence at this stage.

The meeting closed at 11.49 am.

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