



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## EDUCATION AND SKILLS COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

8th Meeting, 2016 (Session 5)

Wednesday 26 October 2016

Present:

Colin Beattie	James Dornan (Convener)
Ross Greer	Daniel Johnson
Johann Lamont (Deputy Convener)	Richard Lochhead
Fulton MacGregor	Gillian Martin
Tavish Scott	Liz Smith
Ross Thomson	

The meeting opened at 10.30 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take item 3 in private. The Committee also agreed consideration of its work programme should be taken in private at its next meeting, and reviews of pre-budget scrutiny evidence sessions should be taken in private at future meetings.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee considered the following negative instrument—

Education (Student Loans) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016  
(SSI 2016/261)

The Committee agreed to make no recommendations in relation to the instrument.

3. **Higher Education and Research Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (in private):** The Committee considered submissions received on the legislative consent memorandum. The Committee agreed to invite organisations that sent a written submission to give oral evidence at a future meeting. The Committee also agreed to write to the Scottish Government on issues raised in the written submissions.

The meeting closed at 10.38 am.

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