Education and Skills Committee

Minutes

16th Meeting, 2016 (Session 5)

Wednesday 21 December 2016

Present:

Colin Beattie
Ross Greer
Johann Lamont (Deputy Convener)
Fulton MacGregor
Tavish Scott
Ross Thomson

James Dornan (Convener)
Daniel Johnson
Richard Lochhead
Gillian Martin
Liz Smith

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. Decision on taking business in private: The Committee agreed to take item 6 in private. The Committee also agreed its consideration of: a draft report on the Scottish Government’s Draft Budget 2017-18; a draft report on a legislative consent memorandum on the Children and Social Work Bill (LCM(S5)7); and the Committee’s work programme should be taken in private at its next meeting.


   John Swinney, Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills, Scottish Government.

3. Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry: The Committee took evidence from—

   John Swinney, Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills, Scottish Government.

4. Review of evidence (in private): The Committee reviewed the evidence heard earlier in the meeting on the Draft Budget.

5. Review of evidence (in private): The Committee reviewed the evidence heard earlier in the meeting on the Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry. The Committee
agreed to write to the Cabinet Secretary to highlight the importance of making progress on the issue of redress. The Committee also agreed to write to the Chair of the Inquiry, Lady Anne Smith, highlighting particular matters from the evidence session of relevance to the Inquiry. Finally, the Committee agreed to look at the information in the preliminary statement from the Inquiry in the New Year during a future work programme discussion. The Committee agreed to delegate authority to the Convener for signing off any witness expenses received from survivors who met with the Convener and Deputy Convener.

6. **Children and Social Work 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)7). The Committee agreed to write to the Scottish Government on the LCM.

The meeting closed at 12.37 pm.

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