



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## EDUCATION AND SKILLS COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

2nd Meeting, 2016 (Session 5)

Wednesday 29 June 2016

Present:

James Dornan (Convener)	Jenny Gilruth
Ross Greer	Daniel Johnson
Johann Lamont (Deputy Convener)	Fulton MacGregor
Gillian Martin	Tavish Scott
Liz Smith	Ross Thomson

Apologies were received from Colin Beattie.

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Declaration of interests:** Liz Smith declared an interest as a member of the General Teaching Council of Scotland and a member of the board of governors of George Watson's College and St Mary's Preparatory School.
2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take item 4 in private.
3. **Scottish Government priorities:** The Committee took evidence from—  
  
John Swinney, Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills, supported by Paul Johnston, Director General for Learning and Justice, Scottish Government, and Dr Bill Maxwell, Chief Executive, Education Scotland.
4. **Review of evidence and consideration of the Work Programme (in private):** The Committee considered the evidence heard at this meeting and considered its work programme.

The meeting closed at 12.02 pm.

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