



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

EDUCATION AND SKILLS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

9th Meeting, 2016 (Session 5)

Wednesday 2 November 2016

Present:

Colin Beattie	James Dornan (Convener)
Iain Gray (Committee Substitute)	Ross Greer
Johann Lamont (Deputy Convener)	Richard Lochhead
Fulton MacGregor	Gillian Martin
Tavish Scott	Liz Smith
Ross Thomson	

Apologies were received from Daniel Johnson.

The meeting opened at 9.46 am.

1. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee considered the following negative instrument—

Additional Support for Learning (Sources of Information) (Scotland) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/299).

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

2. **Overview Sessions:** The Committee took evidence on issues raised in its overviews sessions on Further and Higher Education, Skills, Attainment, Children's Services, Curriculum for Excellence and Early Years, from—

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

3. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee considered its work programme, including agreeing to:

- monitor the impact of college mergers on an ongoing basis;

- undertake pre-legislative scrutiny on any bill stemming from the Scottish Government Governance Review, and to seek a draft bill from the Government to inform this scrutiny;
- hold a session on local government delivery of Scottish Government policies;
- write to the Cabinet Secretary in relation to his commitment to undertake further scrutiny on Additional Support Needs; and
- in relation to the Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry, arrange a meeting involving survivor groups, the Convener and Deputy Convener, to be held after the next meeting between the Cabinet Secretary and survivors has taken place.

The meeting closed at 12.16 pm.

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