



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## FINANCE AND CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

5th Meeting, 2017 (Session 5)

Wednesday 1 February 2017

Present:

Neil Bibby	Willie Coffey
Bruce Crawford (Convener)	Ash Denham
Murdo Fraser	Patrick Harvie
James Kelly	Liam Kerr
Ivan McKee	Maree Todd
Adam Tomkins (Deputy Convener)	

The meeting opened at 9.31 am.

1. **Declaration of interests:** Liam Kerr MSP declared interests as a director and employee of Trinity Kerr Limited, as owner of a rental property in Edinburgh, and as having holdings in a community hydro-electric scheme. He also referred to his register of interests entry.
2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take item 5 in private.
3. **Appointments to the Scottish Fiscal Commission:** The Committee took evidence from the following nominees—

Professor Alasdair Smith, Inquiry Chair, Competition and Markets Authority;

David Wilson, Executive Director, International Public Policy Institute.
4. **Air Departure Tax (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee took evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—

Mike Stewart, Bill Manager, James McLellan, Head of Devolved Taxes, and John St Clair, Senior Principal Legal Officer, Scottish Government;

Tim Alderslade, Chief Executive, Airlines UK;

Gordon Dewar, Chief Executive Officer, Edinburgh Airport;

Jonathan Hinkles, Managing Director, Loganair Ltd;

David Horne, Managing Director (East Coast Route), Virgin Trains.

5. **Appointments to the Scottish Fiscal Commission:** The Committee considered the evidence heard at item 3 and agreed a draft report.

The meeting closed at 12.31 pm.

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