



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

PUBLIC AUDIT COMMITTEE

MINUTES

4th Meeting, 2016 (Session 5)

Thursday 29 September 2016

Present:

Colin Beattie

Liam Kerr

Jenny Marra (Convener)

Gail Ross

Alison Harris (Deputy Convener)

Monica Lennon

Alex Neil

Also present: Tavish Scott and Edward Mountain

The meeting opened at 9.01 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take items 4 and 5 in private.
2. **Section 23 report - Supporting Scotland's economic growth:** The Committee took evidence on the Auditor General for Scotland report entitled "Supporting Scotland's economic growth: The role of the Scottish Government and its economic development agencies" from —

Fraser McKinlay, Director of Performance Audit and Best Value, Antony Clark, Assistant Director, Gemma Diamond, Senior Manager, and Gill Miller, Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.

3. **Section 23 report - Common Agricultural Policy Futures programme: An update:** The Committee took evidence on the Auditor General for Scotland's report entitled "Common Agricultural Policy Futures programme: An update" from —

Liz Ditchburn, Director-General Economy, Jonathan Pryce, Director for Agriculture, Food and Rural Communities, and Mike Neilson, Director of Digital, Scottish Government.

4. **Section 23 report - Supporting Scotland's economic growth:** The Committee considered the evidence received at agenda item 2 and took evidence from —

Fraser McKinlay, Director of Performance Audit and Best Value, Antony Clark, Assistant Director, Gemma Diamond, Senior Manager, and Gill Miller, Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.

The Committee agreed to write to the Scottish Government, Highlands & Islands Enterprise and Scottish Enterprise to ask for their views on the report.

5. **Section 23 report - Common Agricultural Policy Futures programme: An update:** The Committee considered the evidence received at agenda item 3 and took evidence from —

Fraser McKinlay, Director of Performance Audit and Best Value, Gemma Diamond, Senior Manager, and Morag Campsie, Project Manager, Audit Scotland.

The Committee agreed to write to the Permanent Secretary on issues raised in discussion and to invite her to give oral evidence at a future meeting.

The meeting closed at 11.26 am.

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