



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

**PUBLIC AUDIT AND POST-LEGISLATIVE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

**12th Meeting, 2016 (Session 5)**

**Thursday 8 December 2016**

Present:

Colin Beattie  
Monica Lennon  
Alex Neil  
Ross Thomson

Liam Kerr (Deputy Convener)  
Jenny Marra (Convener)  
Gail Ross

The meeting opened at 9.00 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take item 3 in private.
2. **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—

Leslie Evans, Permanent Secretary, Liz Ditchburn, Director-General Economy, Elinor Mitchell, Director, Agriculture, Food and Rural Communities, Nicola Richards, Director of People, and Anne Moises, Chief Information Officer, Scottish Government.

3. **Section 23 report - Common Agricultural Policy Futures programme: An update (in private):** The Committee considered the evidence received at agenda item 2 and took further evidence from—

Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;

Gemma Diamond, Senior Manager, Audit Scotland.

The Committee agreed to seek further information from the Scottish Government and to consider any future reports by the Auditor General for Scotland on this issue.

The meeting closed at 10.57 am.

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