



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## FINANCE AND CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

25th Meeting, 2018 (Session 5)

Wednesday 3 October 2018

Present:

|                                |                           |
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| Tom Arthur                     | Neil Bibby                |
| Alexander Burnett              | Willie Coffey             |
| Angela Constance               | Bruce Crawford (Convener) |
| Murdo Fraser                   | Emma Harper               |
| Patrick Harvie                 | James Kelly               |
| Adam Tomkins (Deputy Convener) |                           |

The meeting opened at 9.00 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take items 4 and 6 in private.
2. **Appointments to the Scottish Fiscal Commission:** The Committee took evidence from the following nominees—

Prof David Ulph CBE, Professor of Economics, University of St Andrews;

Prof Francis Breedon, Professor of Economics and Finance, Queen Mary University of London.
3. **Pre-budget scrutiny 2019/20:** The Committee took evidence from—

Jim Harra, Director General Customer Strategy and Tax Design, and Jackie McGeehan, Deputy Director for Income Tax Policy, HMRC;

Derek Mackay, Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work, Aidan Grisewood, Deputy Director Tax, and Daniel Hinze, Deputy Director Fiscal Responsibility, Scottish Government.
4. **Appointments to the Scottish Fiscal Commission (in private):** The

Committee considered the evidence heard at agenda item 2 and agreed to support the nominations to the Scottish Fiscal Commission.

5. **Trade Bill LCM (in private):** The Committee considered a draft report and agreed to consider a further draft at its next meeting.
6. **Scottish Budget 2019/20 (in private):** The Committee agreed the timetable for scrutiny of the Scottish Budget 2019/20.

The meeting closed at 12.25 pm.

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