

Scottish Parliament Cross Party Group on Science and Technology

16 June 2015

Minutes

- 1. Attendance & Apologies:** In attendance: Elaine Murray MSP, Liam McArthur MSP, Claire Adamson MSP, Murdo Fraser MSP, Patrick Harvie MSP, Bristow Muldoon, Rebecca Lunn, Zoe Shipton, Patrick Corbett, Peter Cameron, Craig Denham, David Tonery, Kathleen Hill, Kat Przybcian, Gareth Harrison.
- 2. Presentation by Professor Rebecca Lunn, The Royal Society of Edinburgh:** Professor Lunn gave a talk on the report that had been launched the same day by the Royal Society of Edinburgh on Scotland's Gas Future.

The main points of her presentation were:

The public must be at forefront of decisions over gas development in Scotland - The Royal Society of Edinburgh (RSE) had published a wide-ranging report into options for Scotland's gas future, calling for the public to be given a genuine opportunity to influence the decision-making process and be provided with meaningful information.

The report followed a Scottish Government announcement in January of a temporary moratorium on unconventional gas development, including the use of fracking, to allow for a national debate.

A full copy of the RSE report that Professor Lunn spoke to is available at: <https://www.royalsoced.org.uk/cms/files/BriefingPaper15-01.pdf>

There then followed a discussion on the recommendations of the report.