



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## EDUCATION AND CULTURE COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

25th Meeting, 2012 (Session 4)

Tuesday 2 October 2012

Present:

George Adam	Clare Adamson
Colin Beattie	Neil Bibby
Mark Griffin (Committee Substitute)	Stewart Maxwell (Convener)
Joan McAlpine	Liam McArthur
Liz Smith	

Apologies were received from Neil Findlay (Deputy Convener).

The meeting opened at 10.06 am.

1. **Declaration of interests:** Colin Beattie declared his register of interests and specifically his role as Director-Trustee of the National Mining Museum of Scotland.
2. **Draft Budget Scrutiny 2013-14:** The Committee took evidence on the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2013-14 from—

James Alexander, Senior Policy and Communications Manager, Scottish Council for Development and Industry;

Amy Dalrymple, Policy and Research Manager, Scottish Chambers of Commerce;

Mary Goodman, Senior Policy Adviser, Federation of Small Businesses;

Mark Batho, Chief Executive, Scottish Funding Council;

Katie Hutton, Head of National Training Programmes Policy and Integration, and Danny Logue, Director of Operations, Skills Development Scotland;

Liz McIntyre, Principal of Borders College, Scotland's Colleges;

Alastair Sim, Director, Universities Scotland.

3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee considered the following negative instrument—

the Elmwood College, Oatridge College and The Barony College (Transfer and Closure) (Scotland) Order 2012 (SSI 2012/237)

The Committee agreed to make no recommendation in relation to the instrument.

The meeting closed at 12.27 pm.

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