



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## EDUCATION AND CULTURE COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

5th Meeting, 2012 (Session 4)

Tuesday 7 February 2012

Present:

George Adam (Committee Substitute)	Clare Adamson
Marco Biagi	Neil Bibby
Neil Findlay (Deputy Convener)	Stewart Maxwell (Convener)
Liam McArthur	Liz Smith
Jean Urquhart	

Apologies were received from Joan McAlpine.

The meeting opened at 10.04 am.

1. **National Library of Scotland Bill:** The Committee took evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—

Colin Miller, Head of Public Bodies Policy Unit, Carole Robinson, Bill Team Leader, and David Seers, Head of Cultural Excellence, Scottish Government;

Greig Walker, Solicitor, Economy and Transport Division, Scottish Government Legal Directorate;

Andrea Longson, Senior Librarian, and Mungo Bovey QC, Keeper of the Library, Faculty of Advocates;

Elaine Fulton, Director, Scottish Library and Information Council;

Martyn Wade, National Librarian and Chief Executive, and Professor Michael Anderson, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, National Library of Scotland.

2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee took evidence on the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002 Amendment (No. 2) Order 2012 [draft] from—

Dr Alasdair Allan, Minister for Learning, Science and Scotland's Languages, John Gunstone, People and Leadership Unit, and Helen Reid, People and Leadership Unit, Scottish Government.

3. **Subordinate legislation:** Alasdair Allan moved—S4M-01906—That the Education and Culture Committee recommends that the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002 Amendment (No. 2) Order 2012 [draft] be approved.

After debate, the motion was agreed to.

4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee considered the following instrument which is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

The Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011 (Commencement No. 3)  
Order 2012 (SSI 2012/1)

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

The meeting closed at 12.01 pm.

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