



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

EDUCATION AND CULTURE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

8th Meeting, 2012 (Session 4)

Tuesday 6 March 2012

Present:

George Adam (Committee Substitute)	Clare Adamson
Neil Bibby	Hanzala Malik (Committee Substitute)
Stewart Maxwell (Convener)	Joan McAlpine
Liam McArthur	Liz Smith
Jean Urquhart	

Apologies were received from Marco Biagi, Neil Findlay (Deputy Convener).

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Curriculum for Excellence:** The Committee took evidence from—

Michael Russell, Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning, Scottish Government;

Bill Maxwell, Chief Executive, Education Scotland;

Sarah Smith, Director of Learning, Scottish Government.

2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee took evidence on the Public Services Reform (Recovery of Expenses in respect of Inspection of Independent Further Education Colleges and English Language Schools) (Scotland) Order 2012 [draft] from—

Michael Russell, Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning, Scottish Government;

Ken Muir, HM Chief Inspector of Education, Education Scotland;

John St Clair, Senior Principal Legal Officer, Scottish Government Legal Directorate.

3. **Subordinate legislation:** Michael Russell moved—S4M-02167—That the Education and Culture Committee recommends that the Public Services (Recovery of Expenses in respect of Inspection of Independent Further Education Colleges and English Language Schools) (Scotland) Order 2012 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to.

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

The Repayment of Student Loans (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/22).

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

5. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee considered the following instruments which are not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

The Public Records (Scotland) Act 2011 (Commencement No. 1) Order 2012 (SSI 2012/21);
Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011 (Commencement No. 4) Order 2012 (SSI 2012/23);
The Public Records (Scotland) Act 2011 (Commencement No. 2) Amendment Order 2012 (SSI 2012/42).

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

6. **National Library of Scotland Bill (in private):** The Committee considered a revised draft Stage 1 report. Various changes were agreed to, and the report was agreed for publication.

The meeting closed at 11.30 am.

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