



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

1st Meeting, 2012 (Session 4)

Wednesday 11 January 2012

Present:

Gavin Brown	Kenneth Gibson (Convener)
John Mason (Deputy Convener)	Mark McDonald
Michael McMahon	Elaine Murray
Paul Wheelhouse	

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Declaration of interests:** Michael McMahon and Elaine Murray were invited to declare any relevant interests. Elaine Murray declared that she was a member of Unite the Union and that Unite the Union had sponsored her election campaign.
2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take items 5 and 6 in private.
3. **Fiscal sustainability: Demographic change:** The Committee took evidence in a roundtable format from—

Professor Robert Wright, Professor of Economics, University of Strathclyde;

Professor Charlie Jeffery, Head of School of Social and Political Science, University of Edinburgh;

Dr James McCormick, Scotland Adviser, Joseph Rowntree Foundation;

Professor Carol Jagger, Professor of Epidemiology of Ageing, Newcastle University;

George MacKenzie, Registrar General and Keeper of the Records and

Chief Executive, National Records of Scotland.

4. **Scotland Performs:** The Committee took evidence from—  
  
Roger Halliday, Chief Statistician, and Dette Cowden, Senior Statistician,  
Scottish Government.
5. **National Library of Scotland Bill (in private):** The Committee agreed its  
approach to the Financial Memorandum of the National Library of Scotland Bill.
6. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee considered and agreed its work  
programme.

The meeting closed at 12.37 pm.

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