



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

FINANCE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

2nd Meeting, 2012 (Session 4)

Wednesday 18 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. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take items 3 and 4 in private.
2. **Fiscal sustainability: inequalities and socio-economic deprivation:** The Committee took evidence in a round table format from—
 - Peter Kelly, Director, Poverty Alliance;
 - Colin Mair, Chief Executive, Improvement Service;
 - Dr James McCormick, Scotland Adviser, Joseph Rowntree Foundation;
 - Euan Page, Parliamentary Affairs Manager, Equality and Human Rights Commission;
 - Laurie Russell, Chief Executive, The Wise Group.
3. **Alcohol (Minimum Pricing) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee considered a draft report on the Financial Memorandum of the Alcohol (Minimum Pricing) (Scotland) Bill. Various changes were agreed to (two by division) and the Committee agreed to consider a revised draft by correspondence.

4. **Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee agreed its approach to the Financial Memorandum of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Bill.

The meeting closed at 12.58 pm.

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