



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

FINANCE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

22nd Meeting, 2012 (Session 4)

Wednesday 12 September 2012

Present:

Kenneth Gibson (Convener)
Mark McDonald
Elaine Murray

John Mason (Deputy Convener)
Michael McMahon
Dave Thompson (Committee Substitute)

Apologies were received from Gavin Brown.

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take item 4 in private.
2. **Freedom of Information (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee took evidence at Stage 1 from—

Carole Ewart, Co-Convener, Campaign for Freedom of Information;

David Sillars, Senior Investigating Officer, Commission for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland;

Rosemary Agnew, Scottish Information Commissioner, and Euan McCulloch, Deputy Head of Enforcement, Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner;

Nicola Sturgeon, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Infrastructure, Investment and Cities, Andrew Gunn, Bill Manager, Mark Richards, Scottish Government Legal Directorate, and Zoe Mochrie, Head of Freedom of Information Unit and Legislation Team, Scottish Government.

3. **Proposed Contingent Liability (in private):** The Committee took evidence from—

Shona Robison, Minister for Commonwealth Games and Sport, and John Mason, Director for Scottish Government Business Directorate, Scottish Government.

The Committee agreed to the terms of a contingent liability in relation to the Youth Olympic Games.

4. **Draft Budget Scrutiny 2013-14 (in private):** The Committee agreed its approach to the scrutiny of the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2013-14.

The meeting closed at 12.12 pm.

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