



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

FINANCE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

25th Meeting, 2012 (Session 4)

Wednesday 3 October 2012

Present:

Gavin Brown
Kenneth Gibson (Convener)
Michael McMahon
Jean Urquhart

Bruce Crawford
John Mason (Deputy Convener)
Elaine Murray

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Decision in private:** The Committee agreed to take item 4 in private.
2. **Draft Budget Scrutiny 2013-14:** The Committee took evidence in a round table format from The David Hume Institute—

Stephen Boyle, Head of RBS Group Economics, RBS Group Economics;

Ian Diamond, Principal and Vice Chancellor, University of Aberdeen;

John Hughes, High Growth Advisor, Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce;

Donald MacRae, Chief Economist, Lloyds Banking Group Scotland;

Colin Mason, Professor of Entrepreneurship, Adam Smith Business School;

Jeremy Peat, Director, The David Hume Institute;

Ian Ritchie, Vice President, Royal Society of Edinburgh.

3. **Improving employability:** Committee Members reported back on the employability workshops that took place in Dundee, Dumfries and Galloway, and North Ayrshire.

4. **Water Resources (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee agreed its approach to the Financial Memorandum of the Water Resources (Scotland) Bill.

The meeting closed at 12.16 pm.

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