The Finance Committee took oral evidence from Scottish Government officials on the Scottish Independence Referendum (Franchise) Bill’s Financial Memorandum (FM) at its meeting on 20 March 2013. The Committee raised a number of issues in relation to the FM and agreed to refer the Official Report of the evidence session to the lead Committee for consideration in advance of its oral evidence session with the Deputy First Minister on 28 March.

The Official Report can be accessed via the link below:


The witnesses also undertook to submit additional written evidence in relation to the following topics:

- Figures from Electoral Registration Officers on number of registration appeals (paragraph 21 of FM)
- Figures from Crown Office on number of prosecutions for electoral offences (paragraph 22 of FM)
- Further information on the costs of reminder notices (paragraph 14 of FM)

I have requested that this additional information be provided as quickly as possible and will arrange for it to be sent to your clerks as soon as it becomes available.

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Convener
22 March 2013