



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

**CULTURE, TOURISM, EUROPE AND EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

**34th Meeting, 2018 (Session 5)**

**Thursday 20 December 2018**

Present:

Claire Baker (Deputy Convener)	Annabelle Ewing
Kenneth Gibson	Jamie Greene
Joan McAlpine (Convener)	Stuart McMillan
Tavish Scott	Alexander Stewart
Patrick Harvie (Committee Substitute)	

Apologies were received from Ross Greer.

The meeting opened at 9.02 am.

1. **Declaration of Interests:** Patrick Harvie was invited to declare any relevant interests.

Patrick Harvie stated that he was a member of European Movement for Scotland, Equality Network and Stonewall Scotland.

2. **Article 50 withdrawal negotiations:** The Committee took evidence from—

Michael Russell, Cabinet Secretary for Government Business and Constitutional Relations, Ellen Leaver, Head of Negotiation Strategy and Delivery, and Alan Johnston, Deputy Director EU Exit Readiness, Scottish Government.

3. **Census (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee took evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—

Fiona Hyslop, Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs, Scottish Government;

Amy Wilson, Director of Statistical and Registration Services, and Scott McEwen, Head of Collections and Operations, Scotland's Census 2021,

National Records of Scotland;

Simon Stockwell, Family Law Unit Head, and Emma Luton, Lawyer,  
Scottish Government.

4. **Consideration of evidence heard (in private):** The Committee considered the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
5. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee agreed its work programme.

The meeting closed at 11.36 am.

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