



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## FINANCE AND CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

18th Meeting, 2019 (Session 5)

Wednesday 11 September 2019

Present:

Tom Arthur	Neil Bibby
Alexander Burnett	Angela Constance
Bruce Crawford (Convener)	Murdo Fraser
Patrick Harvie	Gordon MacDonald
John Mason	Alex Rowley
Adam Tomkins (Deputy Convener)	

In attendance: David Eiser, Committee Adviser, Dr Alistair Clark, Committee Adviser

The meeting opened at 9.32 am.

1. **Declaration of interests:** Alex Rowley was invited to declare any relevant interests. He directed members to his register of interests.
2. **Scottish Fiscal Commission - Forecast Evaluation Report:** The Committee took evidence from:—

Dame Susan Rice, Chair, John Ireland, Chief Executive, Professor Alasdair Smith, Commissioner, and Professor Francis Breedon, Commissioner, Scottish Fiscal Commission.

Alexander Burnett referred to his register of interests.

3. **Referendums (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee took evidence from:—

Dr Theresa Reidy, University College Cork;

Dr Andrew Mycock, Reader, University of Huddersfield;

Professor Chris Carman, Stevenson Trust for Citizenship;

Professor Toby James, Professor of Politics and Public Policy, University of East Anglia.

Adam Tomkins declared an interest as the John Millar Professor of Public Law at the University of Glasgow.

The meeting closed at 11.47 am.

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