



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

FINANCE AND CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

MINUTES

17th Meeting, 2019 (Session 5)

Wednesday 4 September 2019

Present:

Tom Arthur
Alexander Burnett
Bruce Crawford (Convener)
James Kelly
John Mason

Neil Bibby
Angela Constance
Patrick Harvie
Gordon MacDonald
Adam Tomkins (Deputy Convener)

Apologies were received from Murdo Fraser.

In attendance: Dr Alistair Clark

The meeting opened at 9.00 am.

1. **Declaration of interests:** Gordon MacDonald declared he had no interests of relevance to the Committee remit. John Mason declared an interest as a member of Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland.
2. **Referendums (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee took evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—

Professor Justin Fisher, Head of Department - Social and Political Sciences, Brunel University London;

Dr Alan Renwick, Deputy Director of the Constitution Unit, University College London;

And then from:

Michael Clancy, Director of Law Reform, Law Society of Scotland;

Jess Sargeant, Researcher, Institute for Government.

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

Derek Mackay, Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work,
Scottish Government.

The meeting closed at 11.43 am.

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