



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

FINANCE AND CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

MINUTES

19th Meeting, 2019 (Session 5)

Wednesday 18 September 2019

Present:

Tom Arthur
Angela Constance
Murdo Fraser
Gordon MacDonald
Alex Rowley

Alexander Burnett
Bruce Crawford (Convener)
Patrick Harvie
John Mason
Adam Tomkins (Deputy Convener)

Apologies were received from Neil Bibby.

In attendance: Dr Alistair Clark, Committee Adviser

The meeting opened at 9.33 am.

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

Andy Hunter, Chairperson Scotland and Northern Ireland, Association of Electoral Administrators;

Pete Wildman, Chair, Electoral Registration Committee, Scottish Assessors Association;

Chris Highcock, Secretary, Electoral Management Board;

Mark Conaghan, Chair of the Elections Working Group, Society of Local Authority Lawyers and Administrators in Scotland (SOLAR);

And then from—

Dame Sue Bruce, Electoral Commissioner, Scotland, Bob Posner, Chief Executive and Andy O'Neill, Head of Electoral Commission, Electoral Commission.

The meeting closed at 11.58 am.

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