



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

PUBLIC AUDIT AND POST-LEGISLATIVE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

1st Meeting, 2019 (Session 5)

Thursday 10 January 2019

Present:

Colin Beattie

Willie Coffey

Jenny Marra (Convener)

Anas Sarwar

Bill Bowman

Liam Kerr (Deputy Convener)

Alex Neil

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take items 3 and 4 in private.
2. **Post-legislative Scrutiny: Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002:** The Committee took evidence from—

Daren Fitzhenry, Scottish Information Commissioner;

Margaret Keyse, Head of Enforcement, Scottish Information Commissioner.
3. **Consideration of evidence (in private):** The Committee considered the evidence received at agenda item 2 and agreed to undertake post-legislative scrutiny of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.
4. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee agreed to write to the Lanarkshire Board and then close its scrutiny of the Auditor General for Scotland's report entitled "The 2016/17 audit of New College Lanarkshire".

The Committee agreed to close its scrutiny of the Auditor General for Scotland's report entitled "The 2017/18 audit of the Scottish Government Consolidated Accounts".

The Committee agreed to write further to the Scottish Government in relation to the Auditor General for Scotland's report entitled "Scotland colleges 2018".

The Committee agreed to write further to the Scottish Government on the Committee's post-legislative scrutiny of the biodiversity and biodiversity reporting duties.

The meeting closed at 11.11 am.

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