



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

PUBLIC AUDIT AND POST-LEGISLATIVE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

23rd Meeting, 2019 (Session 5)

Thursday 10 October 2019

Present:

Colin Beattie	Bill Bowman
Willie Coffey	Liam Kerr (Deputy Convener)
Jenny Marra (Convener)	Alex Neil
Anas Sarwar	

The meeting opened at 9.00 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take items 4, 5 and 6 in private.
2. **Section 22 report - The 2018/19 audit of the Scottish Government Consolidated Accounts:** The Committee took evidence from—

Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;

Stephen Boyle, Audit Director, and Pauline Gillen, Audit Manager, Audit Services, Audit Scotland.

Bill Bowman indicated that he was a former partner of KPMG.

3. **Section 22 report - The 2018/19 audit of Social Security Scotland:** The Committee took evidence from—

Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;

Mark Taylor, Audit Director, Audit Services, Gemma Diamond, Audit Director, and Kirsty Ridd, Senior Auditor, Performance Audit and Best Value, Audit Scotland.

4. **Section 22 report - The 2018/19 audit of Social Security Scotland (in**

private): The Committee considered the evidence heard at agenda item 3 and took further evidence from—

Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;

Mark Taylor, Audit Director, Audit Services, Gemma Diamond, Audit Director, and Kirsty Ridd, Senior Auditor, Performance Audit and Best Value, Audit Scotland.

The Committee agreed to write to Social Security Scotland regarding issues arising from the report.

5. **Section 22 report - The 2018/19 audit of the Scottish Government Consolidated Accounts (in private):** The Committee considered the evidence heard at agenda item 2 and took further evidence from—

Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;

Stephen Boyle, Audit Director, and Pauline Gillen, Audit Manager, Audit Services, Audit Scotland.

The Committee agreed in the first instance to write to the Scottish Government regarding issues arising from the report.

6. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee agreed to write further to the Scottish Government regarding its scrutiny of the Auditor General for Scotland's report entitled "Transport Scotland's ferry services". The Committee agreed to write to the Scottish Government in relation to its post-legislative scrutiny of the Control of Dogs (Scotland) Act 2010.

The Committee agreed to invite the Scottish Government to provide further oral evidence at a future meeting on the Auditor General for Scotland's report entitled "Scottish Public Pensions Agency: Update on PS Pensions project".

The meeting closed at 11.19 am.

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