



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

PUBLIC AUDIT AND POST-LEGISLATIVE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

29th Meeting, 2019 (Session 5)

Thursday 19 December 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 4 and 5 in private.
2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to consider draft reports on post-legislative scrutiny of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002; the 2018/19 audit of the Scottish Prison Service and on the Scottish Public Pensions Agency: Update on management of PS project, in private at future meetings.
3. **Post-legislative Scrutiny - The Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002:** The Committee took evidence from—

Graeme Dey, Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans, Gerry Hendricks, Head of the FOI Unit, and Graham Crombie, Head of Policy and Casework, Scottish Government.
4. **Post-legislative Scrutiny - The Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (in private):** The Committee considered the evidence heard at agenda item 3.
5. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee considered its work programme. The Committee agreed to close its scrutiny of the Auditor General for Scotland's reports on the 2018/19 audit of Social Security Scotland; Superfast broadband for Scotland: Further progress update and Transport

Scotland's ferry services.

The Committee agreed to write to the Social Security Committee in connection with its scrutiny of the Auditor General for Scotland's report on Social Security: Implementing the devolved powers.

The meeting closed at 11.27 am.

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