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 23 report - Social security: Implementing the devolved powers**: The Committee took evidence from—

   Lesley Fraser, Interim Director-General for Organisational Development and Operations, Stephen Kerr, Social Security Director, Alison Byrne, Social Security Deputy Programme Director, Kevin Stevens, Head of Strategic and Programme Finance, and Andy McClintock, Chief Digital Officer, Scottish Government;

   David Wallace, Chief Executive, Social Security Scotland.

3. **Section 23 report - Scottish Public Pensions Agency: Update on management of PS Pensions project**: The Committee took evidence from—

   Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;

   Stephen Boyle, Audit Director, and Tom Reid, Senior Audit Manager, Audit Services, Audit Scotland.
4. **Section 23 report - Social security: Implementing the devolved powers (in private):** The Committee considered the evidence heard at agenda item 2 and took further evidence from—

   Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;

   Gemma Diamond, Senior Manager, and Kirsty Ridd, Senior Auditor, Performance Audit and Best Value, Audit Scotland.

   The Committee agreed to write to the Social Security Committee highlighting the key themes arising from its scrutiny of the report.

5. **Section 23 report - Scottish Public Pensions Agency: Update on management of PS Pensions project (in private):** The Committee considered the evidence heard at agenda item 3 and took further evidence from—

   Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;

   Stephen Boyle, Audit Director, and Tom Reid, Senior Audit Manager, Audit Services, Audit Scotland.

   The Committee agreed to invite the Scottish Public Pensions Agency and the Scottish Government to give oral evidence at a future meeting.


   The meeting closed at 11.30 am.

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