



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## SOCIAL SECURITY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

2nd Meeting, 2019 (Session 5)

Thursday 17 January 2019

Present:

Dr Alasdair Allan  
Michelle Ballantyne  
Bob Doris (Convener)  
Alison Johnstone

Jeremy Balfour  
Keith Brown  
Mark Griffin  
Shona Robison

Apologies were received from Pauline McNeill (Deputy Convener).

The meeting opened at 9.02 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take item 5 in private.
2. **Budget Scrutiny 2019-20:** The Committee took evidence on the Scottish Government's Budget 2019-20 from—

Shirley-Anne Somerville, Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People, Ann McVie, Deputy Director, Social Security Policy Division, and James Wallace, Social Security Head of Finance, Scottish Government.

and requested further information.

3. **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018:** The Committee considered a proposal by the Scottish Government to consent to the UK Government legislating using the powers under the Act by way of the following UK statutory instruments:

The Social Security Coordination (Council Regulation (EEC) No 1408/71 and Council Regulation (EC) No 859/2003) (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018;

The Social Security Coordination (Council Regulation (EEC) No 574/72)

(Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018;

The Social Security Coordination (Regulation (EC) No 883/2004) (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018;

The Social Security Coordination (Regulation (EC) No 987/2009) (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018 and took evidence from—

Shirley-Anne Somerville, Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People, and Stephen O'Neill, Social Security Policy Team Leader, Scottish Government.

4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee considered the following negative instrument and agreed to make no recommendations—

The Scotland Act 1998 (Agency Arrangements) (Specification) (No. 2) Order 2018 (SI 2018/1344)

5. **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (in private):** The Committee considered the evidence heard earlier in the meeting. The Committee agreed to write to the Scottish Government confirming it is content for the Scottish Government to consent to the UK Government legislating using the powers under the Act. The Committee also agreed to write to the UK Government.
6. **Social Security and In-Work Poverty (in private):** The Committee considered a draft report and agreed to consider a further draft at its next meeting.

The meeting closed at 11.32 am.

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