

Economy and Fair Work Committee
Wednesday 23 April 2025
12th Meeting, 2025 (Session 6)

Skills Delivery – Note by the Clerk

Background

1. The Scottish Government has introduced [the Tertiary Education and Training \(Funding and Governance\) \(Scotland\) Bill](#) with the aim of simplifying the post-school funding body landscape. This follows the [independent review of the skills delivery landscape](#) published in 2023, and a [consultation on post-school education and skills reform](#) which ran from 25 June to 20 September 2024.
2. Prior to the Bill's introduction, the Committee agreed to consider how the current skills system is working and identify the actions needed to support businesses and to improve the skills supply chain, including green skills.
3. The focus of this Committee's work is skills policy and will complement stage 1 scrutiny of the Bill, which will be carried out by the Education, Children and Young People Committee.
4. The Committee is hearing evidence over five meetings. Ahead of these, members spoke informally with apprentices from different sectors. Following the completion of this work, the Committee will share its findings with the Education, Children and Young People Committee.

Evidence Session

5. The Committee will hear from—
 - Tony Burns, Chief Operating Officer, ACS Clothing;
 - Jennifer Davies, Strategic Workforce Manager, ScottishPower Energy Networks;
 - Doug Duguid, Chief Executive, Aurora Energy Services; and
 - Stevie Wilson, Global Apprenticeship Manager, SCORE Group.
6. A further evidence session with businesses from a range of sectors and sizes will be held on Wednesday 7 May.

Clerks to the Committee
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