

Social Justice and Social Security Committee  
Thursday 15 May 2025  
15<sup>th</sup> Meeting, 2025 (Session 6)

## **Inquiry into financial considerations when leaving an abusive relationship**

### **Note by the Clerk**

#### **Written submissions**

1. Please see below links to written submissions from the organisations giving evidence today:

- [Aberlour Children's Charity](#)
- [Citizens Advice Scotland](#)
- [Child Poverty Action Group in Scotland](#)

#### **Call for views**

2. 58 people and organisations responded to the Social Justice and Social Security Committee's call for views.
3. Questions for today's session have therefore been informed by submissions from the organisations giving oral evidence, as well as from other relevant responses to the call for views.

#### **Lived Experience**

4. On 26 March 2025, the Committee met with Members of Scottish Women's Aid's Survivor Reference Group, to consider the questions in the Committee's call for views. Participants provided their thoughts on the issues most important to them, and a summary of the key themes from the discussion is available here: [Key themes from lived experience engagement with members of Scottish Women's Aid Survivor Reference Group](#)

#### **Correspondence**

5. The Committee has also received the below written correspondence:
  - [Police Scotland](#) on 8 May 2025
  - [Social Security Scotland](#) on 6 May 2025

- [Minister of State in the Department for Work and Pensions](#) on 6 May 2025
- [Scottish Legal Aid Board](#) on 6 May 2025
- [Robert Gordon University](#) (Professor Sarah Pedersen) on 1 May 2025
- [Scottish Legal Aid Board](#) on 1 May 2025
- [Legal Services Agency](#) on 28 February 2025

## **SPICe Briefings**

6. SPICe have prepared an analysis of the call for views, which is available here: [Financial considerations when leaving an abusive relationship: analysis of the call for views](#).

**Clerks to the Committee**  
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