

Social Justice and Social Security Committee
Thursday 22 May 2025
16th Meeting, 2025 (Session 6)

Inquiry into financial considerations when leaving an abusive relationship – Note by the Clerk

Today's evidence session

1. The Committee will hear from the Minister for Equalities, Kaukab Stewart, for the final evidence session on the Committee's inquiry into financial considerations when leaving an abusive relationship.

Call for views

2. 58 people and organisations responded to the Social Justice and Social Security Committee's call for views.
3. 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.](#)

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:
 - [Scottish Federation of Housing Associations](#) on 9 May 2025
 - [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

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- [Scottish Legal Aid Board](#) on 1 May 2025
- [Legal Services Agency](#) on 28 February 2025

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