

ECONOMY AND FAIR WORK COMMITTEE

27th Meeting, 2022 (Session 6), Wednesday 23 November 2022

Just Transition

Introduction

1. Just transition falls within the remit of the Economy and Fair Work Committee.
2. The Scottish Government defines a just transition as—

both the outcome – a fairer, greener future for all – and the process that must be undertaken in partnership with those impacted by the transition to net zero. Just transition is how we get to a net zero and climate resilient economy, in a way that delivers fairness and tackles inequality and injustice.
3. This morning's evidence session is with the Chair of the [Just Transition Commission](#) (JTC). The JTC is a body that operates independently of the Scottish Government. It draws upon the expertise and experience of leading figures in industry, business, trade unions, academia, and environmental and community groups to provide practical, affordable, and actionable recommendations to Scottish Ministers.
4. The Commission is tasked with:
 - Providing scrutiny and advice on the ongoing development of Scottish Government led just transition plans, including the application of the Just Transition Planning Framework.
 - Advising on the most suitable approaches to monitoring and evaluation.
 - Undertaking meaningful engagement with those most likely to be impacted by the transition, hearing from a broad range of representative voices and advising on how to ensure these can shape and contribute to just transition planning work in Scotland.
 - Engaging and collaborating with other sources of expertise, including relevant Scottish Government advisory bodies and relevant programmes of work (including, but not limited to the Committee on Climate Change, the Poverty and Inequality Commission, Fair Work Convention, the

Council of Economic Advisors and the development of the National Strategy for Economic Transformation).

- Publishing an annual report to reflect on Scotland's progress.¹

5. The purpose of this session is to provide Members with an overview of the work of the Just Transition Commission and look ahead to what is planned.

Witnesses

6. The Committee will hear from Professor Jim Skea, Chair of the Just Transition Commission. A short biography of Professor Skea can be found [here](#).

Next Steps

7. Following the evidence session, the Committee consider the evidence heard ahead of the evidence session with the Minister for Just Transition, Employment and Fair Work on 7 December.

**Economy and Fair Work Committee Clerks
18 November 2022**

¹ [Just Transition Commission - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](http://www.gov.scot)