



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## EDUCATION AND CULTURE COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

14th Meeting, 2012 (Session 4)

Tuesday 8 May 2012

Present:

George Adam (Committee Substitute)	Clare Adamson
Marco Biagi	Neil Bibby
Neil Findlay (Deputy Convener)	Stewart Maxwell (Convener)
Liz Smith	Jean Urquhart

Apologies were received from Joan McAlpine, Liam McArthur.

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

- Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011 - secondary legislation programme:** The Committee took evidence from—  
  
Aileen Campbell, Minister for Children and Young People, Tom McNamara, Team Leader, Children's Hearings Team, and Kit Wyeth, Head of Children's Hearings Team, Scottish Government.
- Finance (No.4) Bill 2012 (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee considered the legislative consent memorandum lodged by Fiona Hyslop, Cabinet Secretary for Culture and External Affairs (LCM(S4) 9.1), and agreed that it was content with the terms of the memorandum.
- Petition PE 1420:** The Committee considered Petition PE1420 by Teresa McNally, on behalf of Clacks Kinship Carers, on recognising the real value of kinship carers and giving them parity with foster carers across Scotland. The Committee agreed to consider the issues raised in the petition as part of its planned evidence session on kinship carers and to invite further written evidence from the petitioner.
- Annual report:** The Committee considered a draft annual report for the parliamentary year from 9 May 2011 to 8 May 2012. Various changes were agreed to, and the report was agreed for publication.

The meeting closed at 10.31 am.

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