



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES COMMITTEE

MINUTES

12th Meeting, 2014 (Session 4)

Thursday 19 June 2014

Present:

Christian Allard
John Finnie
John Mason
Siobhan McMahon

Marco Biagi (Deputy Convener)
Alex Johnstone
Margaret McCulloch (Convener)

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. **Female Genital Mutilation:** The Committee took evidence from—

Detective Superintendent William Guild, Child & Adult Protection including HBV, FM and FGM, Public Protection Portfolio, and Detective Inspector Nadine Aliane, National Safer Communities Department, Police Scotland.

2. **Glasgow Commonwealth Games 2014:** Siobhan McMahon provided an update on disabled access to the Glasgow Commonwealth Games 2014 and feedback from a meeting held on 3 June attended by herself and the Convener, Margaret McCulloch, with David Grevemberg, the Chief Executive of Glasgow 2014. John Mason declared an interest as a volunteer at the Games.
3. **Gypsy/Travellers and Care and Where Gypsy/Travellers live:** The Committee considered a response from the Scottish Government and correspondence from stakeholders and agreed to (a) write to the Scottish Government and COSLA, and (b) once responses are received, invite them to give oral evidence.
4. **Public petitions:PE1372** The Committee considered petition PE1372, by Friends of the Earth Scotland, on Access to Justice in Environmental Matters and agreed to write to the Scottish Government for explanation of their compliance with the Aarhus convention.

5. **Having and Keeping a Home: steps to preventing homelessness among young people (in private):** The Committee agreed its initial approach to follow-up work on the inquiry. John Finnie declared an interest as a director of the Highland Homeless Trust.

The meeting closed at 10.54 am.

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