



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES COMMITTEE

MINUTES

11th Meeting, 2014 (Session 4)

Thursday 5 June 2014

Present:

Christian Allard
John Finnie
John Mason
Siobhan McMahon

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

The meeting opened at 9.04 am.

1. **Equality and Human Rights Commission:** The Committee considered a response from the Equality and Human Rights Commission and agreed to seek oral evidence later in the year.
2. **Female Genital Mutilation:** The Committee took evidence from—

Anna Boni, Lead Officer Safeguarding, Education Scotland;

Dr Kate Darlow, Specialist Registrar in Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh, NHS Lothian;

Jim Doyle, Quality Improvement Officer, Glasgow City Council Education Services;

Gillian Smith, Director, Royal College of Midwives.
3. **Draft Budget Scrutiny 2015-16 (in private):** The Committee considered and agreed its approach to the scrutiny of the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2015-16. It also agreed a person specification for an independent adviser, and to seek approval from the SPCB to appoint an adviser.

The meeting closed at 10.22 am.

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