



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

FINANCE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

6th Meeting, 2012 (Session 4)

Wednesday 22 February 2012

Present:

Gavin Brown	Kenneth Gibson (Convener)
John Mason (Deputy Convener)	Mark McDonald
Michael McMahon	Elaine Murray
Paul Wheelhouse	

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed that its consideration of a draft report on the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Bill should be taken in private at future meetings.
2. **Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Bill** The Committee took evidence on the Financial Memorandum of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Bill from—

Andrew Laing, Her Majesty's Inspector of Constabulary for Scotland;

Chief Constable Kevin Smith, President, Association of Chief Police Officers in Scotland;

Calum Steele, General Secretary, Scottish Police Federation;

Eileen Baird, Deputy Chief Officer Strathclyde Fire and Rescue and lead officer for Chief Fire Officers Association of Scotland Finance;

John Duffy, Scottish Secretary, Fire Brigades Union;

John Connarty, Business Support Manager, City of Edinburgh Council and member of COSLA's Police and Fire Reform Task Group;

Nick Bland, Head of Police Reform Unit, Lorna Gibbs, Head of Fire and Rescue Reform Unit, and Christie Smith, Head of Police and Fire Reform Division, Scottish Government.

The meeting closed at 12.57 pm.

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