



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

**31st Meeting, 2013 (Session 4)**

**Wednesday 4 December 2013**

Present:

Gavin Brown	Malcolm Chisholm
Kenneth Gibson (Convener)	Jamie Hepburn
John Mason (Deputy Convener)	Michael McMahon
Jean Urquhart	

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take items 6 and 7 in private.
2. **Inquiry into proposals for an independent fiscal body:** The Committee took evidence by video conference from—

Sebastian Barnes, Counsellor to the Chief Economist, and Lisa von Trapp, Policy Analyst, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.

3. **Inquiry into proposals for an independent fiscal body:** The Committee took evidence from—

Professor David Bell, University of Stirling;

Dr Angus Armstrong, Head of Macroeconomics and finance Group, and Dr Katerina Lisenkova, Senior Research Fellow, The National Institute of Economic and Social Research;

Professor Peter McGregor, University of Strathclyde.

4. **Draft Budget Scrutiny 2014-15 (in private):** The Committee considered and agreed its draft report.

5. **Appointment of an adviser (in private):** The Committee selected a candidate for the post of adviser.
6. **Procurement Reform (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee considered and agreed its submission to the lead committee on the Financial Memorandum.
7. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee considered a paper by the clerk.

The meeting closed at 12.32 pm.

James Johnston  
Clerk to the Finance Committee  
Room T3.60  
The Scottish Parliament  
Edinburgh  
Tel: 0131 348 5215  
Email: james.johnston@scottish.parliament.uk