



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## HEALTH AND SPORT COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

1st Meeting, 2012 (Session 4)

Tuesday 10 January 2012

Present:

Jackson Carlaw  
Jim Eadie  
Fiona McLeod  
Gil Paterson  
Drew Smith

Bob Doris (Deputy Convener)  
Richard Lyle  
Duncan McNeil (Convener)  
Dr Richard Simpson

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Declaration of interests:** Drew Smith was invited to declare any relevant interests and indicated that he had no interests to declare.
2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take item 4 in private.
3. **Alcohol (Minimum Pricing) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee took evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—

Professor Anne Ludbrook, Professor of Health Economics, University of Aberdeen;

Benjamin Williamson, Senior Economist, Centre for Economics and Business Research;

Dr Evelyn Gillan, Chief Executive, Alcohol Focus Scotland;

Dr Jan S Gill, Reader at Queen Margaret University;

Dr Peter Rice, Chair, Royal College of Psychiatrists in Scotland and Consultant Addictions Psychiatrist, NHS Tayside.

4. **Alcohol (Minimum Pricing) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee considered the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

The meeting closed at 12.53 pm.

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