



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

HEALTH AND SPORT COMMITTEE

MINUTES

3rd Meeting, 2012 (Session 4)

Tuesday 17 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 9.33 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take item 8 in private, and to consider oral evidence heard by the Committee on the Alcohol (Minimum Pricing) (Scotland) Bill in private at future meetings.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee took evidence on the Social Care and Social Work Improvement Scotland (Excepted Services) Regulations 2012 [draft] and the Public Services Reform (Social Services Inspections) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2012 [draft] from—

Michael Matheson, Minister for Public Health, and Geoff Huggins, Deputy Director of Health and Social Care Integration, Scottish Government.

3. **Subordinate legislation:** Michael Matheson moved S4M-01684—

That the Health and Sport Committee recommends that the Social Care and Social Work Improvement Scotland (Excepted Services) Regulations 2012 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to.

4. **Subordinate legislation:** Michael Matheson moved S4M-01686—

That the Health and Sport Committee recommends that the Public Services Reform (Social Services Inspections) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2012 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to.

5. **Alcohol (Minimum Pricing) (Scotland) Bill - witness expenses:** The Committee agreed to delegate to the Convener responsibility for arranging for the SPCB to pay, under Rule 12.4.3, any expenses of witnesses on the Bill.
6. **Alcohol (Minimum Pricing) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee took evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—

Gavin Hewitt, Chief Executive, Scotch Whisky Association;

Michael Patten, Global Public Affairs Director, Diageo;

George Kyle, Head of Sponsorship and PR, Tennent Caledonian Breweries (UK) Limited;

Bob Price, Director General and Policy Adviser, National Association of Cider Makers;

Patrick Browne, Chief Executive, Scottish Beer and Pub Association;

Paul Waterson, Chief Executive, Scottish Licensed Trade Association;

Emma Reynolds, Government Affairs Director, Tesco;

David Paterson, Head of Regional Affairs, Asda;

Kate Higgins, Policy Manager, CHILDREN 1ST;

Major Dean Logan, Addiction Services Officer, Salvation Army;

Sarah O'Neill, Director of Policy, Consumer Focus Scotland;

Andrew Deans, Convener of the Health and Wellbeing Committee, Scottish Youth Parliament.

7. **European Union legislative proposal:** The Committee considered the following European Union legislative proposal which may raise questions in relation to subsidiarity—

Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on establishing a Health for Growth Programme, the third multi-annual programme of EU action in the field of health for the period 2014-2020;

and agreed to write to the Scottish Government to ascertain its position on the matter.

8. **Alcohol (Minimum Pricing) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee agreed to defer consideration of the evidence heard to a future meeting.

The meeting closed at 1.14 pm.

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