



## HEALTH AND SPORT COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

5th Meeting, 2012 (Session 4)

Tuesday 31 January 2012

Present:

Jackson Carlaw  
Richard Lyle  
Gil Paterson

Dr Richard Simpson

Jim Eadie  
Duncan McNeil (Convener)  
Dennis Robertson (Committee  
Substitute)  
Drew Smith

Apologies were received from Bob Doris (Deputy Convener), Fiona McLeod.

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee considered the following negative instrument—

The National Health Service (Travelling Expenses and Remission Charges) (Scotland) (No.2) Amendment Regulations 2011 (SSI 2011/449);

and agreed to make no recommendations in relation to the instrument.

2. **Alcohol (Minimum Pricing) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee took evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—

Alan McCreadie, Deputy Director of Law Reform, and Jim McLean, Consultant at Balfour-Manson, The Law Society of Scotland;

Nicola Sturgeon, Cabinet Secretary for Health, Wellbeing and Cities Strategy, Scottish Government.

3. **Alcohol (Minimum Pricing) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee considered the evidence heard earlier in the meeting and agreed to write to stakeholders seeking views on the mechanism by which a minimum price for a unit of alcohol could be adjusted periodically.

The meeting closed at 12.23 pm.

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