



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

WELFARE REFORM COMMITTEE

MINUTES

16th Meeting, 2013 (Session 4)

Tuesday 29 October 2013

Present:

Jackie Baillie (Committee Substitute)	Annabelle Ewing
Linda Fabiani	Jamie Hepburn (Deputy Convener)
Alex Johnstone	Ken Macintosh
Kevin Stewart	

Apologies were received from Michael McMahon (Convener).

The meeting opened at 8.30 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take item 3 in private.
2. **Scottish Government's Welfare Reform (Further Provision) (Scotland) Act 2012 Initial Report - 2013 and the Gender Impact of Welfare Reform:** The Committee took evidence from—

Margaret Burgess, Minister for Housing and Welfare, Ann McVie, Team Leader, Welfare Division, and Susan Anton, Economist - Welfare Analysis, Scottish Government.

The Minister for Housing and Welfare made a commitment to provide the Committee with further information supplementary to the reports.

3. **Chamber debate:** The Committee agreed to submit a request for a committee chamber debate slot in March 2014 on the basis of its work on the 'bedroom tax'. The Committee also agreed that it will keep open the option of reviewing whether this is issue it wishes to pursue prior to the debate date.

The meeting closed at 9.41 am.

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