



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

WELFARE REFORM COMMITTEE

MINUTES

20th Meeting, 2013 (Session 4)

Tuesday 3 December 2013

Present:

Annabelle Ewing	Linda Fabiani
Jamie Hepburn (Deputy Convener)	Alex Johnstone
Ken Macintosh	Michael McMahon (Convener)
Kevin Stewart	

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take item 4 in private.
2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take consideration of a draft report on the bedroom tax/under-occupancy charge in private at future meetings.
3. **Dunedin Canmore Housing Association** The Committee took evidence from—

Ewan Fraser, Chief Executive, and Graeme Russell, Housing Services Director, Dunedin Canmore Housing Ltd.

The witnesses agreed to provide further information on issues raised during the meeting. The Committee agreed to seek further information on whether the status of any Housing Associations had been downgraded due to welfare reforms.

4. **Public petitions: PE1496** The Committee considered its approach to PE1496 by Alan Wyllie on behalf of No2BedroomTax Campaign, on Bedroom Tax Mitigation. The Committee agreed to write to a number of organisations to seek their views on the Petition and will consider responses at a future meeting.

The meeting closed at 11.47 am.

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