



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

WELFARE REFORM COMMITTEE

MINUTES

18th Meeting, 2014 (Session 4)

Tuesday 18 November 2014

Present:

Annabelle Ewing

Kenneth Gibson (Committee
Substitute)

Jamie Hepburn (Deputy Convener)

Alex Johnstone

Ken Macintosh

Michael McMahon (Convener)

Kevin Stewart

The meeting opened at 9.33 am.

1. **Welfare Funds (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee considered a draft Stage 1 report.
2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take item 4 in private.
3. **Draft Budget Scrutiny 2015-16:** The Committee took evidence on the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2015-16 from—

Carla McCormack, Policy and Parliamentary Officer, Poverty Alliance;

Morag Johnston, Assistant Director of Financial Services, Glasgow City Council;

Cliff Dryburgh, Benefits Manager, City of Edinburgh Council;

Brian Cook, Head of Revenue Services, North Lanarkshire Council;

Jeremy Hewer, Policy Adviser, Scottish Federation of Housing Associations;

Keith Dryburgh, Policy Manager, Citizens Advice Scotland;

Marianne McManus, Divisional Housing Manager at North Ayrshire Council, ALACHO;

Jonathan Sharma, Policy Manager, COSLA;

Margaret Burgess, Minister for Housing and Welfare, Jenny Brough, Team Leader, Local Government Finance and Local Taxation Unit, and Adam Reid, Team Leader, Welfare Division, Scottish Government.

4. **Draft Budget 2015-16 (in Private)** The Committee considered the evidence received on the Draft Budget 2015-16.

The meeting closed at 12.50 pm.

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