



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## WELFARE REFORM COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

11th Meeting, 2013 (Session 4)

Tuesday 11 June 2013

Present:

Annabelle Ewing	Linda Fabiani
Kenneth Gibson (Committee Substitute)	Jamie Hepburn (Deputy Convener)
Alex Johnstone	Michael McMahon (Convener)

Apologies were received from Iain Gray, Kevin Stewart.

The meeting opened at 10.04 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take item 4 in private.
2. **Fact-finding visits:** Members reported back to the Committee on recent fact-finding visits to local authorities. The Committee agreed to produce a report of the visits.
3. **Work Capability Assessments:** The Committee agreed to write to the DWP and the Scottish Government on the failure of GP's to return further medical evidence within the deadline.
4. **Draft Budget Scrutiny 2014-15:** The Committee considered and agreed its approach to the scrutiny of the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2014-15. The Committee agreed the Adviser Specification and to delegate authority to the Convener and Deputy Convener to consider a shortlist of advisers and rank in order of preference.

The meeting closed at 11.20 am.

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