



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## WELFARE REFORM COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

18th Meeting, 2013 (Session 4)

Tuesday 12 November 2013

Present:

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

Also present: Jackie Baillie MSP

In attendance: Paul Spicker - Budget Advisor

The meeting opened at 10.04 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take item 5 in private.
2. **Public petitions: PE01468** The Committee took evidence on the following petition- PE01468 by Mike Dailly, on Evictions due to under occupation deductions from—

Mike Dailly, Principal Solicitor, Garry Burns, Prevention of Homelessness Caseworker, and Alistair Sharp, Prevention of Homelessness Manager/senior Coordinator, Govan Law Centre;

Jim Hayton, Policy Manager, Association of Local Authority Chief Housing Officers;

David Bookbinder, Head of Policy and Public Affairs, Chartered Institute of Housing;

David Ogilvie, Policy Manager, Scottish Federation of Housing Associations;

Councillor Harry McGuigan, Spokesperson Community Wellbeing, COSLA.

3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee took evidence from—

Jenny Brough, Team Leader, Council Tax Unit, Scottish Government.

The Committee considered and noted the Council Tax Reduction (Scotland) Amendment No 4 Regulations 2013 (SSI 2013/287).

4. **Draft Budget Scrutiny 2014-15 (in private):** The Committee considered and agreed a draft report to the Finance Committee on the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2014-15.
5. **Work programme:** The Committee considered and agreed its revised work programme.

The meeting closed at 12.34 pm.

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