



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## WELFARE REFORM COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

6th Meeting, 2013 (Session 4)

Tuesday 19 March 2013

Present:

Annabelle Ewing  
Iain Gray  
Alex Johnstone  
Kevin Stewart

Linda Fabiani  
Jamie Hepburn (Deputy Convener)  
Michael McMahon (Convener)

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take item 4 in private.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee took evidence on the draft Welfare Reform (Consequential Amendments) (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2013 and the Education (Free School Lunches) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2013 (SSI 2013/64) from—

Lisa Marshall, Policy and Kinship Care Worker, Children 1st;

Richard Meade, Public Affairs Officer, Barnardo's Scotland;

Eddie Follan, Policy and Campaigns, Scottish Campaign on Welfare Reform;

Clair Malpas, Regeneration Manager, Cassiltoun Housing Association/Scottish Federation of Housing Associations;

John Dickie, Head, Child Poverty Action Group in Scotland;

Marion Davis, Senior Manager (Policy and Development), One Parent Families Scotland.

3. **Subordinate legislation (in private):** The Committee considered evidence taken earlier in the meeting on the Welfare Reform (Consequential Amendments) (Scotland) (No. 2) [draft] and the Education (Free School Lunches) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2013 (SSI 2013/64).
4. **Council Tax Reduction scheme (in private):** The Committee agreed to defer seeking evidence in relation to the appeals process for the Council Tax Reduction scheme until an update on the process is received from the Scottish Government. The Committee also agreed to write to the Scottish Government to find out when it expects to be in a position to provide this update.

The meeting closed at 11.15 am.

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