



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## WELFARE REFORM COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

10th Meeting, 2013 (Session 4)

Tuesday 28 May 2013

Present:

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

Apologies were received from Kevin Stewart.

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Declaration of interests:** Kenneth Gibson was invited to declare any relevant interests and declared none.
2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take item 6 and item 7 in private.
3. **The Big Lottery:** The Committee took evidence from—  
Jackie Killeen, Director for Scotland, The Big Lottery.
4. **Scottish Human Rights Commission:** The Committee took evidence from—  
Alan Miller, Chair, Scottish Human Rights Commission.
5. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee took evidence on the Welfare Reform (Consequential Amendments) (Scotland) (No.3) regulations 2013 (SSI 2013/142) from—

Ann McVie, Team Leader, Welfare Division, Stuart Foubister, Directorate for Legal Services, Jenny Brough, Team Leader, Council Tax Unit, and Catriona MacKenzie, Legal Aid Policy Manager, Scottish Government.

and agreed to make no recommendation in relation to this instrument.

6. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee agreed the activities it wished to pursue; to delegate to the Convener and Deputy the drawing up of a detailed work programme on this basis; and to delegate to the Convener the role of seeking any authorisations needed from the Conveners Group etc. to undertake these activities.
7. **DWP Decision Makers visit (in private):** The Committee agreed to accept an invitation to visit a DWP office in Scotland where decision making is carried out. It was agreed that a delegation of Committee Members will attend the visit.

The meeting closed at 12.06 pm.

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