



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

EDUCATION AND CULTURE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

14th Meeting, 2015 (Session 4)

Tuesday 2 June 2015

Present:

George Adam
Chic Brodie
Gordon MacDonald
Liam McArthur
Mary Scanlon

Colin Beattie
Mark Griffin
Stewart Maxwell (Convener)
Siobhan McMahon (Deputy Convener)

Also present: Dennis Robertson

The meeting opened at 9.39 am.

1. **Scotland's Commissioner for Children and Young People:** The Committee took evidence from:

Philip Raines, Acting Head of Children's Rights and Wellbeing, Scottish Government;

Tam Baillie, Commissioner, Pauline McIntyre, Parliamentary and Policy Officer, and Nico Juetten, Policy Officer, Scotland's Commissioner for Children and Young People.

2. **British Sign Language (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee considered the Bill at Stage 2.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 63, 59, 60, 61 and 62.

Amendment 2A was moved, and, no member having objected, withdrawn.

The following provisions were agreed to without amendment: sections 9 and 10,

and the long title.

The following provisions were agreed to as amended: sections 1, 3, 4, 5 and 8 and schedule 2.

The Committee completed Stage 2 consideration of the Bill.

3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee took evidence on the Education (School Lunches) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 [draft] and the Provision of Early Learning and Childcare (Specified Children) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2015 [draft] from—

Fiona McLeod, Acting Minister for Children and Young People, Susan Bolt, Team Leader, Early Years Division, Afsi Barekat, Solicitor, and Lorraine Stirling, Principal Legal Officer, Scottish Government.

4. **Subordinate legislation:** Fiona McLeod (Minister for Children and Young People) moved—

S4M-13291—That the Education and Culture Committee recommends that the Education (School Lunches) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 [draft] be approved.

S4M-13292—That the Education and Culture Committee recommends that the Provision of Early Learning and Childcare (Specified Children) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2015 [draft] be approved.

After debate, the motions were agreed to.

The meeting closed at 12.40 pm.

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