



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

EDUCATION AND CULTURE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

29th Meeting, 2015 (Session 4)

Tuesday 1 December 2015

Present:

George Adam	Chic Brodie
James Dornan (Committee Substitute)	Mark Griffin (Deputy Convener)
Gordon MacDonald	Stewart Maxwell (Convener)
Liam McArthur	John Pentland
Mary Scanlon	

Also present: Liz Smith, Angus Macdonald

Apologies were received from Colin Beattie.

The meeting opened at 9.02 am.

1. **Education (Scotland) Bill** The Committee considered the Education (Scotland) Bill at Stage 2 (Day 1).

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, 26, 27, 28, 29, 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, 58, 59, 60, 62, 63, 64, 65, 67, 68, 69, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102 and 103.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division):

24 (For 7, Against 2, Abstentions 0)
25 (For 7, Against 2, Abstentions 0)
130 (For 5, Against 4, Abstentions 0)
131 (For 5, Against 4, Abstentions 0)
30 (For 7, Against 2, Abstentions 0)
61 (For 6, Against 3, Abstentions 0)

66 (For 6, Against 3, Abstentions 0)
70 (For 6, Against 3, Abstentions 0)

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71 (For 6, Against 3, Abstentions 0)
95 (For 8, Against 1, Abstentions 0)

Amendments 143, 147, 132, 150 and 158 were moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn.

The following amendments were not moved: 140, 141, 142, 144, 145, 146, 148, 149, 151, 152, 50A, 153, 154, 155, 156 and 157.

The following provisions were agreed to without amendment: sections 13, 14, 15 and 17.

The following provisions were agreed to as amended: sections 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 16 and the schedule.

The Committee ended consideration of the Bill for the day with the schedule being agreed to.

2. **Draft Budget Scrutiny 2016/17: Education Spending:** The Committee took evidence from—

Councillor Jenny Laing, Leader, Aberdeen City Council;

Councillor Shamin Akhtar, East Lothian Council;

Councillor Stephanie Primrose, COSLA Education, Children and Young Person Spokesperson, East Ayrshire Council;

Councillor Gary Robinson, Leader, Shetland Islands Council;

Robert Nicol, Chief Officer - Children and Young People, COSLA.

The meeting closed at 1.03 pm.

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