



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

14th Meeting, 2013 (Session 4)

Thursday 2 May 2013

Present:

Marco Biagi (Deputy Convener)  
John Finnie  
John Mason  
Dennis Robertson

Mary Fee (Convener)  
Alex Johnstone  
Siobhan McMahon

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. **Women and work:** The Committee took evidence from—

Irene Audain MBE, Chief Executive, Scottish Out of School Care Network;

Jackie Brock, Chief Executive, Children in Scotland;

Dr Margaret Anne Craig, Chief Executive Officer, Clyde Biosciences;

Sarah Jackson OBE, Chief Executive, Working Families (by video conference);

Satwat Rehman, Director, One Parent Families Scotland;

Clare Simpson, Project Manager, Parenting across Scotland;

Maggie Simpson, Chief Executive, Scottish Childminding Association;

Claire Telfer, Head of Policy, Advocacy & Campaigns (Scotland), Save the Children.

2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed that consideration of its draft report on Women and work should be taken in private at future meetings.

3. **Women and work - witness expenses:** The Committee agreed to delegate to the Convener responsibility for arranging for the SPCB to pay, under Rule 12.4.3, any expenses of witnesses in the inquiry.
4. **Draft Budget 2014-15 Scrutiny:** The Committee considered a letter from the Finance Committee on budget strategy scrutiny and agreed to respond raising points relating to the importance of the Equality Statement.

The meeting closed at 11.23 am.

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