



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES COMMITTEE

MINUTES

1st Meeting, 2014 (Session 4)

Thursday 16 January 2014

Present:

Christian Allard
John Finnie
John Mason
Siobhan McMahon

Marco Biagi (Deputy Convener)
Alex Johnstone
Margaret McCulloch (Convener)

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee decided to take item 3 in private.
2. **Marriage and Civil Partnership (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee considered the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 2).

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 27, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 33, 76, 34, 35, 77, 36, 37.

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—
48 (For 2, Against 4, Abstentions 0)
49 (For 3, Against 4, Abstentions 0)

Amendment 47 (previously moved) was, no member having objected, withdrawn.

The following provisions were agreed to without amendment: sections 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29, 30, 32 and 33, and the long title.

The following provisions were agreed to as amended: section 21, schedule 2, and sections 28 and 31.

The Committee completed Stage 2 consideration of the Bill.

3. **Work programme:** The Committee considered its work programme and agreed to seek oral evidence from the Advisory Group on Tackling Sectarianism in Scotland.

The meeting closed at 10.53 am.

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