



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES COMMITTEE

MINUTES

11th Meeting, 2013 (Session 4)

Thursday 28 March 2013

Present:

Marco Biagi (Deputy Convener)	Mary Fee (Convener)
John Finnie	Alex Johnstone
John Mason	Siobhan McMahon
Dennis Robertson	

The meeting opened at 8.59 am.

1. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee considered its forthcoming work programme and agreed to (a) seek further evidence on the Equality and Human Rights Commission and (b) set aside time for scrutiny of a legislative consent motion on the Marriage (Same Sex Couples) Bill (UK legislation). The Committee also considered its approach to the Scottish Government's forthcoming marriage and civil partnership bill and agreed to schedule a briefing with the relevant bill team and, on introduction of the bill, issue a call for written evidence.
2. **Women and work:** The Committee took evidence from—
 - Ann Henderson, Assistant Secretary, STUC;
 - Jacqueline Kerr, Quality & Standards Officer, CITB-ConstructionSkills;
 - Darah Zahran, Policy Affairs Director, OPITO.

The meeting closed at 10.59 am.

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