



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

FINANCE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

6th Meeting, 2016 (Session 4)

Wednesday 10 February 2016

Present:

Jackie Baillie	Lesley Brennan
Gavin Brown	Kenneth Gibson (Convener)
John Mason (Deputy Convener)	Mark McDonald
Jean Urquhart	

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take item 5 in private.
2. **Scottish Fiscal Commission Bill:** The Committee considered the Bill at Stage 2.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 1, 2, 3 and 4.

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

5 (For 3, Against 4, Abstentions 0)
6 (For 3, Against 4, Abstentions 0)
7 (For 3, Against 4, Abstentions 0)
12 (For 3, Against 4, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were not moved: 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15 and 16.

The following provisions were agreed to without amendment: sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28 and the long title.

The following provisions were agreed to as amended: sections 12 and 13.

The Committee completed Stage 2 consideration of the Bill.

3. **Budget (Scotland) (No.5) Bill:** The Committee considered the Bill at Stage 2.

The following provisions were agreed to without amendment: section 1, schedule 1, section 2, schedule 2, section 3, schedule 3 and sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 to 11 and the long title.

The Committee completed Stage 2 consideration of the Bill.

4. **Prevention:** The Committee took evidence from—

Peter McColl, Head of Policy for Scotland, NESTA;

Malcolm Beattie, Head of Innovation Branch, Public Sector Reform Division, and Dr. Colin Sullivan, Strategic Policy and Reform, Department of Finance and Personnel, Northern Ireland Public Sector Innovation Lab.

5. **Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee considered and agreed a draft Stage 1 report.

The meeting closed at 12.39 pm.

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