FINANCE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

31st Meeting, 2015 (Session 4)

Wednesday 2 December 2015

Present:

Jackie Baillie
Gavin Brown
John Mason (Deputy Convener)
Jean Urquhart

Richard Baker
Kenneth Gibson (Convener)
Mark McDonald

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private**: The Committee agreed to take item 6 in private.

2. **Scottish Fiscal Commission Bill**: The Committee took evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—

   John Swinney, Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution and Economy,
   John St Clair, Senior Principal Legal Officer, and Alison Cumming, Head
   of Tax Policy, Scottish Government.

3. **Subordinate legislation**: The Committee took evidence on the Budget
   (Scotland) Act 2015 Amendment Regulations 2015 [draft] from—

   John Swinney, Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution and Economy,
   and Scott Mackay, Finance Business Partner, Scottish Government.

4. **Subordinate legislation**: John Swinney, Cabinet Secretary for Finance,
   Constitution and Economy moved S4M-14961 - That the Finance Committee
   recommends that the Budget (Scotland) Act 2015 Amendment Regulations
   2015 [draft] be approved.

   The motion was agreed to.
5. **Block Grant Adjustment**: The Committee took evidence from—

   Professor David Bell, and David Eiser, Research Fellow, University of Stirling.

6. **Transplantation (Authorisation of Removal of Organs etc.) (Scotland) Bill (in private)**: The Committee agreed a draft report on the Financial Memorandum to the Health and Sport Committee.

The meeting closed at 1.01 pm.

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