



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

FINANCE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

4th Meeting, 2012 (Session 4)

Wednesday 1 February 2012

Present:

Gavin Brown

Kenneth Gibson (Convener)

Michael McMahon

Paul Wheelhouse

James Dornan (Committee Substitute)

John Mason (Deputy Convener)

Elaine Murray

Apologies were received from Mark McDonald.

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take item 4 in private.
2. **Fiscal sustainability: additional funding methods** The Committee took evidence in roundtable format from—
 - Jonathan Flory, Director, Social Finance Ltd;
 - Andrew Muirhead, Chief Executive, Inspiring Scotland;
 - Mark Graham, Director, PricewaterhouseCoopers;
 - Duncan Thorp, Parliamentary, Policy and Communications Officer, Social Enterprise Scotland;
 - Dr Emma Disley, Senior Analyst, RAND Europe;
 - Mike McCarron, Chairman, Apex Scotland.
3. **Budget (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee considered the Bill at Stage 2.

Section 1, schedule 1, section 2, schedule 2, section 3, schedule 3, sections 4 to 11 and the long title were agreed to without amendment.

The Committee completed Stage 2 consideration of the Bill.

4. **Financial implications of the Welfare Reform Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (in private):** The Committee agreed its approach to its scrutiny of the financial implications of the Welfare Reform Bill.

The meeting closed at 11.45 am.

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