



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

FINANCE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

27th Meeting, 2015 (Session 4)

Wednesday 4 November 2015

Present:

Richard Baker

Kenneth Gibson (Convener)

Mark McDonald

Gavin Brown

John Mason (Deputy Convener)

Jean Urquhart

Apologies were received from Jackie Baillie.

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take items 5, 6 and 7 in private.
2. **Scottish Fiscal Commission Bill:** The Committee took evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—

Robert Chote, Chairman, Office for Budget Responsibility (by videoconference);

and then from—

Professor Ronald MacDonald, Professor of Macroeconomics and International Finance, University of Glasgow;

Dr Jim Cuthbert;

Mark Taylor, Assistant Director, Audit Services Group, Audit Scotland.

3. **Scottish Rate of Income Tax:** The Committee took evidence from—

Professor David Bell, University of Stirling.

4. **Proposed Contingent Liability (in private):** The Committee took evidence from—

Jamie Hepburn, Minister for Sport, Health Improvement and Mental Health, and Sara Lightbody, Special Projects Manager, Scottish Government.

The Committee agreed to the terms of the Proposed Contingent Liability.

5. **Pentland Hills Regional Park Boundary Bill (in private):** The Committee agreed a draft letter on the Financial Memorandum to the Local Government and Regeneration Committee.
6. **Lobbying (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee agreed its approach to the Financial Memorandum.
7. **Footway Parking and Double Parking (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee agreed its approach to the Financial Memorandum.

The meeting closed at 1.15 pm.

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