



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

PUBLIC AUDIT COMMITTEE

MINUTES

19th Meeting, 2015 (Session 4)

Wednesday 25 November 2015

Present:

Colin Beattie
Colin Keir
Stuart McMillan
Tavish Scott
David Torrance

Nigel Don
Paul Martin (Convener)
Mary Scanlon (Deputy Convener)
Dr Richard Simpson

The meeting opened at 9.03 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take items 5, 6 and 7 in private.
2. **Section 22 report - The 2013/14 audit of Coatbridge College: Governance of severance arrangements:** The Committee took evidence on the Auditor General for Scotland report entitled "The 2013/14 audit of Coatbridge College: Governance of severance arrangements" from—

John Doyle, Former Principal and Chief Executive, and John Gray, Former Board Chair, Coatbridge College;

and then from—

Angela Constance, Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning, and Aileen McKechnie, Director of Advanced Learning and Science, Scottish Government.

3. **Section 22 report - The 2014/15 audit of the Scottish Government Consolidated Accounts:** The Committee took evidence on the Auditor General for Scotland report entitled "The 2014/15 audit of the Scottish Government Consolidated Accounts" from—

Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;

Mark Taylor, Assistant Director, and Gordon Smail, Senior Manager, Audit Scotland.

4. **Section 23 report - Managing ICT contracts in central government: An update:** The Committee considered a response from the Scottish Government on the Auditor General for Scotland report entitled "Managing ICT contracts in central government: An update."

The Committee agreed to follow up with the Permanent Secretary on 9 December 2015 issues raised in discussion and to consider a paper from the Clerk at a future meeting.

5. **Section 22 report - The 2014/15 audit of the Scottish Government Consolidated Accounts (in private):** The Committee considered the evidence received at agenda item 3 and took evidence from—

Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;

Mark Taylor, Assistant Director, and Gordon Smail, Senior Manager, Audit Scotland.

The Committee agreed its approach to its oral evidence session with the Permanent Secretary on 9 December 2015.

6. **Section 22 report - The 2013/14 audit of Coatbridge College: Governance of severance arrangements (in private):** The Committee considered the evidence received at agenda item 2 and took evidence from—

Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland.

The Committee agreed to consider a draft report, in private, at a future meeting.

7. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee agreed its work programme.

The meeting closed at 1.09 pm.

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