



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

EQUALITIES AND HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

30th Meeting, 2019 (Session 5)

Thursday 19 December 2019

Present:

Alex Cole-Hamilton (Deputy Convener)	Angela Constance
Mary Fee	Fulton MacGregor
Oliver Mundell	Annie Wells

Apologies were received from Ruth Maguire (Convener).

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. **Race equality in Scotland:** The Committee took evidence from—

Christina McKelvie, Minister for Older People and Equalities, Hilary Third, Race Equality Team Leader, and Paul Johnston, Director-General of Education, Communities and Justice, Scottish Government.

2. **Race equality in Scotland (in private):** The Committee considered the evidence heard.

3. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee considered its work programme and agreed to hold an inquiry into race equality, employment and skills; an evidence session with the Scottish Government on the Committee's 2017 inquiry into Hidden Lives – New Beginnings: Destitution, asylum and insecure immigration status in Scotland; a roundtable evidence session on homophobia, biphobia and transphobia in Scotland; and sponsor an event on the 'Scotland Declaration on Human Rights'.

The meeting closed at 11.01 am.

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