



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

EQUALITIES AND HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

26th Meeting, 2018 (Session 5)

Thursday 25 October 2018

Present:

Alex Cole-Hamilton (Deputy Convener)	Mary Fee
Alison Harris (Committee Substitute)	Fulton MacGregor
Ruth Maguire (Convener)	Gail Ross
Annie Wells	

Apologies were received from Oliver Mundell.

The meeting opened at 9.00 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take item 4 in private.
2. **Budget Scrutiny 2019-20:** The Committee took evidence on the Scottish Government's Budget 2019-20 from—

Dr Alison Hosie, Research Officer, Scottish Human Rights Commission;

Dr Angela O'Hagan, Chair of the Scottish Government's Equality and Budget Advisory Group;

Chris Oswald, Head of Policy, Equality and Human Rights Commission.

3. **Budget Scrutiny 2019-20 (in private):** The Committee considered the evidence received.
4. **Children (Equal Protection from Assault) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee agreed to launch a 12-week public call for views on the Bill. The Committee also agreed the timetable for consideration of the Bill, and the general approach to inviting witnesses to give oral evidence. Furthermore, it was agreed to seek further information on outreach and engagement on the Bill. Finally, it was agreed to consider any further approach to consideration of the

Bill, consideration of oral evidence received, and any draft reports or letters, in private, at future meetings.

5. **Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee considered a draft Stage 1 report. Specific amendments were agreed to, and the Committee agreed to consider a revised draft report, in private, at its next meeting.

The meeting closed at 11.30 am.

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