



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

FINANCE AND CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

MINUTES

5th Meeting, 2021 (Session 5)

Wednesday 10 February 2021

Present:

Dr Alasdair Allan	Tom Arthur
Alexander Burnett	Bruce Crawford (Convener)
Murdo Fraser (Deputy Convener)	Patrick Harvie
James Kelly (Committee Substitute)	Dean Lockhart
Fulton MacGregor	John Mason

Apologies were received from Jackie Baillie, Anas Sarwar.

In attendance: David Phillips (Committee Advisor)

The meeting opened at 8.55 am.

1. **Budget Scrutiny 2021-22:** The Committee took evidence on the Scottish Government's Budget 2021-22 from—

Dame Susan Rice, Chair, Professor Alasdair Smith, Commissioner, Professor Francis Breedon, Commissioner, and John Ireland, Chief Executive, Scottish Fiscal Commission;

Kate Forbes, Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Dougie McLaren, Deputy Director, Public Spending, Lucy O'Carroll, Director of Tax, and Graham Owenson, Head of Local Government Finance, Scottish Government.

Alexander Burnett referred to his register of interests.

The meeting closed at 11.31 am.

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