



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

PUBLIC AUDIT AND POST-LEGISLATIVE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

8th Meeting, 2021 (Session 5)

Thursday 4 March 2021

Present:

Colin Beattie	Neil Bibby
Bill Bowman	Jenny Marra (Convener)
Alex Neil	Gail Ross
Graham Simpson (Deputy Convener)	

The meeting opened at 9.00 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take items 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 in private.
2. **Section 22 report - The 2018/19 audit of Bòrd na Gàidhlig: Governance and transparency:** The Committee took evidence from—

Paul Johnston, Director-General, Education, Communities and Justice, and Graeme Logan, Director of Learning, Scottish Government.

3. **Key audit themes - Scottish Government support for public bodies:** The Committee took evidence from—

Paul Johnston, Director-General, Education, Communities and Justice, Sharon Fairweather, Director of Internal Audit and Assurance, and Catriona MacLean, Deputy Director Public Sector Reform, Public Sector and Third Sector, Scottish Government.

4. **Key audit themes - Scottish Government support for public bodies (in private):** The Committee considered the evidence heard at agenda item 3 and took further evidence from—

Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;

Michael Oliphant, Audit Director, Audit Scotland.

5. **Section 22 report - The 2018/19 audit of Bòrd na Gàidhlig: Governance and transparency (in private):** The Committee considered the evidence heard at agenda item 2 took further evidence from—

Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;

Michael Oliphant, Audit Director, Audit Scotland;

Pat Kenny, Director, and Conor Healy, Manager, Audit and Assurance, Deloitte LLP.
6. **Post-legislative scrutiny - The Control of Dogs (Scotland) Act 2010 (in private):** The Committee agreed a letter to the Minister for Community Safety.
7. **Section 22 report - The 2019/20 audit of the Scottish Government Consolidated Accounts (in private):** The Committee considered correspondence from the Scottish Government and agreed to invite the Scottish Government to give oral evidence at a future meeting.
8. **Post-legislative scrutiny - The Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (in private):** The Committee considered the Scottish Government's response to its report.
9. **Legacy paper (in private):** The Committee considered revisions to a draft Legacy paper and agreed that any further changes will be agreed by email correspondence.

The meeting closed at 11.17 am.

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