



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

SOCIAL SECURITY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

8th Meeting, 2019 (Session 5)

Thursday 21 March 2019

Present:

Dr Alasdair Allan
Michelle Ballantyne
Bob Doris (Convener)
Alison Johnstone
Shona Robison

Jeremy Balfour
Keith Brown
Mark Griffin
Pauline McNeill (Deputy Convener)

The meeting opened at 9.02 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take items 4 and 5 in private.
2. **Social Security Support for Housing:** The Committee took evidence from—

John Blackwood, Chief Executive, Scottish Association of Landlords;

Alice Simpson, Assistant Director, Homes for Good;

Sheila Haig, Customer Manager, City of Edinburgh Council.
3. **Immigration and Social Security Co-ordination (EU Withdrawal) Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee took evidence on a legislative consent memorandum on the UK Parliament Immigration and Social Security Co-ordination (EU Withdrawal) Bill from—

Shirley-Anne Somerville, Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People, Colin Brown, Solicitor, Stephen O'Neill, Social Security Policy Team Leader, and Kieran Watson, Migration and Free Movement of People Team Leader, Scottish Government.
4. **Immigration and Social Security Co-ordination (EU Withdrawal) Bill (UK**

Parliament legislation) (in private): The Committee considered the evidence heard earlier in the meeting, noted the legislative consent memorandum and agreed what to include in its report.

5. **Social Security Support for Housing (in private):** The Committee considered the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

The meeting closed at 11.35 am.

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