



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

SOCIAL SECURITY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

22nd Meeting, 2019 (Session 5)

Thursday 10 October 2019

Present:

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

Jeremy Balfour
Keith Brown
Mark Griffin
Shona Robison

Apologies were received from Pauline McNeill (Deputy Convener).

The meeting opened at 9.01 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take item 4 in private.
2. **Annual uprating of devolved social security assistance:** The Committee took evidence on the annual uprating of devolved social security assistance from—

Shirley-Anne Somerville, Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People, Veronica Smith, Policy Officer, and Vana Anastasiadou, Economic Adviser Social Security Policy Analysis, Scottish Government.
3. **Pre-budget Scrutiny:** The Committee took evidence as part of its Pre-Budget Scrutiny from—

Shirley-Anne Somerville, Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People, Alison Byrne, Deputy Director Social Security Programme Delivery Support, and Ruth Steele, Social Security Strategic Financial Policy Team Leader, Scottish Government.
4. **Evidence review (in private):** The Committee considered the evidence on uprating measures, agreed to note the Scottish Government's proposed approach and write to the Cabinet Secretary. The Committee discussed what to

include in its pre-budget report to the Scottish Government.

The meeting closed at 11.32 am.

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