

**The Scottish Parliament  
Cross-Party Group on Fair Trade  
5:30pm, Wednesday 25 September 2013  
The Scottish Parliament**

**Minutes of the meeting (draft)**

**Attendance:**

MSPs:

George Adam MSP  
Claudia Beamish MSP  
Neil Bibby MSP  
Patricia Ferguson MSP  
James Kelly MSP  
John Mason MSP  
Fiona McLeod MSP

External Organisations/Individuals:

Karen Bowman (University of Edinburgh)  
(University of Edinburgh)  
(University of Edinburgh)  
Martin Meteyard (SFTF)  
Andy Mount (Livingston Fair Trade Forum)  
Martin Rhodes (Scottish Fair Trade Forum)

**Apologies:**

Alison Johnstone MSP, Alison McInnes MSP, Sarah Boyack MSP,  
Drew Smith MSP, Ian Miller (Scotmid), Helen Reilly (BMA Scotland),  
Robin Stewart (SFTF), Carol Morton (Hadeel)

**Business of the meeting:**

1. The meeting was chaired by George Adam MSP. The minutes of the May 2013 meeting were approved.
2. The Chair invited Tom Ballantine, Chair of Stop Climate Chaos and Jo O'Neill, Policy Officer at SCIAF to address the meeting on ethical public procurement and their views on the Procurement Reform Bill.
3. There followed a discussion on how the Bill could further promote Fair Trade in public procurement.
4. It was agreed that the Cross Party Group Co-convenors would write to the Cabinet Secretary to share the groups concerns about how the bill could be strengthened to promote Fair Trade in public procurement.