



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

**PUBLIC AUDIT AND POST-LEGISLATIVE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

**17th Meeting, 2018 (Session 5)**

**Thursday 14 June 2018**

Present:

Colin Beattie

Willie Coffey

Liam Kerr (Deputy Convener)

David Stewart (Committee Substitute)

Bill Bowman

Iain Gray

Alex Neil

Apologies were received from Jenny Marra (Convener).

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Declaration of interests:** David Stewart had no relevant interests to declare.
2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take items 5 and 6 in private.
3. **Scottish Fire and Rescue Service - An update:** The Committee took evidence on the Auditor General for Scotland's report entitled "Scottish Fire and Rescue Service - An update" from—  
  
Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;  
  
Mark Roberts, Senior Manager, and Kathrine Sibbald, Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.
4. **Petition PE1676:** The Committee considered Petition PE1676 by Tony Rosser on The Land Registration Act etc.(Scotland Act) 2012 and agreed to include the issues raised in the petition when agreeing its approach to post-legislative scrutiny of The Land Registration Act etc.(Scotland Act) 2012.
5. **Scottish Fire and Rescue Service - An update (in private):** The Committee considered the evidence received at agenda item 3 and took further evidence from—

Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;

Mark Roberts, Senior Manager, and Kathrine Sibbald, Audit Manager,  
Audit Scotland.

The Committee agreed to write to the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service about issues arising from the audit.

6. **Annual report (in private):** The Committee agreed its annual report for the parliamentary year from 12 May 2017 to 11 May 2018.

The meeting closed at 11.18 am.

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