

Economy and Fair Work Committee
Wednesday 29 May 2024
17th Meeting, 2024 (Session 6)

Scottish Government Priorities

Evidence session with the Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Gaelic

Note by the Clerk

1. Kate Forbes was appointed Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Gaelic on 8 May 2024.
2. The Cabinet Secretary is [responsible for a range of issues](#), supported by the [Minister for Business](#) and the [Minister for Employment and Investment](#).
3. Many of the areas within the Cabinet Secretary's portfolio fall within this Committee's remit. The Committee's current remit refers to matters falling within the responsibility of the (previous) Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Net Zero and Energy, with the exception of matters relating to net zero and energy.

Evidence session

4. This is the first evidence session with the Cabinet Secretary since taking on her current role and will focus on the Scottish Government's priorities.
5. Today's witnesses are—
 - Kate Forbes, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Gaelic;
 - Aidan Grisewood, Director for Jobs and Wellbeing;
 - Robbie McGhee, Deputy Director, Digital Connectivity Division; and
 - Frances Pacitti, Director for Business and Better Regulation, Scottish Government.

Clerks to the Committee
May 2024