

**Commission on  
Parliamentary  
Reform**

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## Minutes

### 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting

Friday 16 December 2016

Present:

John McCormick (Chair)  
Pam Duncan-Glancy  
The Very Rev. Lorna Hood  
Fiona McLeod  
Boyd Robertson

Katie Burke MSYP  
John Finnie MSP  
Geoff Mawdsley  
Jeremy Purvis

Apologies were received from Jackson Carlaw MSP and Johann Lamont MSP.

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. The Commission discussed improving diversity and inclusion in the Scottish Parliament with—

Professor Sarah Childs, University of Bristol;  
Iain Smith, Policy and Engagement Team Manager, Inclusion Scotland; and  
Rebecca Marek, Policy and Parliamentary Officer, Coalition for Racial Equality and Rights.

2. The Commission discussed the Scottish Parliament in comparison with other legislatures with—

Professor Michael Keating, Professor of Politics, University of Aberdeen and Director, ESRC Centre on Constitutional Change;  
Professor Laura McAllister, Wales Governance Centre, University of Cardiff (by video conference); and  
John Sturrock QC, Chief Executive and Senior Mediator, Core Solutions Group.

3. The Commission reviewed its engagement programme and agreed its approach to a future engagement event in Inverness (in private).

4. The Commission reviewed and agreed its approach to research and to appointing an adviser (in private).

The meeting closed at 1.12 pm.

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