

Economy and Fair Work Committee
Wednesday 7 May 2025
14th Meeting, 2025 (Session 6)

Skills Delivery – Note by the Clerk

Background

1. The Scottish Government has introduced [the Tertiary Education and Training \(Funding and Governance\) \(Scotland\) Bill](#) with the aim of simplifying the post-school funding body landscape.
2. This follows the [independent review of the skills delivery landscape](#) published in 2023, and a [consultation on post-school education and skills reform](#) which ran from 25 June to 20 September 2024.
3. Prior to the Bill's introduction, the Committee agreed to consider how the current skills system is working and identify the actions needed to support businesses and to improve the skills supply chain, including green skills.
4. It is intended that this work will focus on wider skills policy and will complement stage 1 scrutiny of the Bill, which will be carried out by the Education, Children and Young People Committee.
5. The Committee will hear evidence over five meetings. Ahead of these, it held informal engagement sessions with apprentices from different sectors.
6. Following the completion of this work, the Committee will share its findings with the Education, Children and Young People Committee.

Evidence Session

7. The Committee will hear from—
 - Victoria Erasmus, Sustainability Director, Turas Hotels Group;
 - Peter Proud, CEO and Founder, Forrit; and
 - Ian Rogers, Chief Executive, Scottish Decorators' Federation.

Written Evidence

8. Additional written evidence was [received from Skills Development Scotland](#), following the evidence session on 26 March.

Clerks to the Committee
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