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11th Meeting 2026, Session 6

CONVENER

Jackson Carlaw (Eastwood) (Con)

DEPUTY CONVENER

David Torrance (Kirkcaldy) (SNP)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Davy Russell (Hamilton, Larkhall and Stonehouse) (Lab)
Fergus Ewing (Inverness and Nairn) (Ind)
Maurice Golden (North East Scotland) (Con)

*attended

THE FOLLOWING ALSO PARTICIPATED:

Belford, Jonathan (Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy)
Dave Berry (Dundee Health and Social Care Partnership)
Matthew Elsby (Scottish Government)

CLERK TO THE COMMITTEE

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LOCATION

The Robert Burns Room (CR1)

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[The Convener opened the meeting at 00:00]

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The Convener (George Adam):

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Children (Withdrawal from Religious Education and Amendment of UNCRC Compatibility Duty) (Scotland) Bill

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Hazel Johnson:

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**Karen Adam (Banffshire and Buchan Coast)
(SNP):**

Gordon Masterton:

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Decisions on Taking Business in Private

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