

SCOTTISH NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE FOR TEACHERS

THE SNCT MET ON WEDNESDAY 17 MAY 2023 IN THE OFFICES OF COSLA, VERITY HOUSE, EDINBURGH. MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ALSO JOINED THE MEETING VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE. SAM ANSON (SG) WAS IN THE CHAIR.

Attendees

Employers' Side	Councillor Katie Hagmann (Joint Chair) Councillor Andy Ferguson Councillor Stephen McCabe Councillor Gary Robinson Councillor Mandy Watt
Scottish Government	Sam Anson (Joint Chair) Stuart Robb
Teachers' Side	Des Morris (EIS) (Joint Chair) Andrea Bradley (EIS) Nicola Dasgupta (EIS) Mick Dolan (EIS) Andrew Fullwood (EIS) (Substitute) Heather Hughes (EIS) Valerie Inkster (EIS) Paul Cochrane (SSTA) Mike Corbett (NASUWT)
In attendance	Simon Cameron (Employers' Side Joint Secretary) Stuart Bain (Employers' Side Secretariat) Ed Gordon (Employers' Side Secretariat) Louise Wright (Employers' Side Secretariat) Kenny Macneil (Employers' Side Adviser) Louise Wilson (Teachers' Side Joint Secretary) Dave McGinty (Teachers' Side Secretariat) Stephanie Walsh (Scottish Government Joint Secretary) Angela Felvus (Scottish Government Secretariat) Greg Dempster (AHDS Observer) Jim Thewliss (SLS Observer)
Apologies	Andrene Bamford (EIS) Paula McEwan (EIS)

1. **AGM**

1.1 Appointment of Joint Chairs

Des Morris – Teachers' Side
Cllr Katie Hagmann – Employers' side

Sam Anson – Scottish Government

1.2 Appointment of Joint Secretaries

Louise Wilson – Teachers’ Side

Simon Cameron – Employers’ side

Stephanie Walsh – Scottish Government

1.3 Committee Membership – to be submitted to Joint Secretaries.

2. Minute of Previous Meeting held on 22 February 2023

The minute of the previous meeting was agreed as a correct record.

3. Matters arising

The meeting noted that there were no matters arising that were not already on the formal agenda.

4. Reduction in Class Contact Time

Sam Anson provided an update from the previous day’s SNCT Joint Chairs meeting. Scottish Government remains committed to the overarching aspiration to deliver class contact reduction and therefore wishes to undertake a separate piece of work to develop evidence-informed recommendations on teacher workforce requirements in Scotland. This work would be scoped out over the summer and further updates to SNCT would be provided at the next meeting.

Des Morris (Joint Chair) reiterated the teachers’ side view that the reduction in class contact time must alleviate workload issues and conveyed their disappointment around the lack of progress and failure to agree, as yet, on the use of this time. He requested an urgent response from SG and COSLA as to their position on delivery timescale and the use of class contact time reduction prior to the forthcoming EIS conference.

5. SNCT Circulars – For Homologation

The following SNCT Circular was approved for homologation.

5.1 SNCT/23/93 – Pay Agreement April 2022 – July 2024

6. Date and time of future meetings

The calendar of meetings for the coming year were agreed:

SNCT Meetings:

(Meetings start at 2.00 pm)

Wednesday 20 September 2023 – Teachers’ Side
to Chair at Moray Place (In person)

Wednesday 21 February 2024 – Employers' Side
to Chair at Verity House (In person)

Wednesday 15 May 2024 (AGM) – Scottish
Government to Chair at Moray Place (In person)

**SNCT Support Group Meetings:
(Meetings start at 2.00 pm at EIS offices, Moray Place, Edinburgh)**

Thursday 16 November 2023 – Hybrid meeting

Thursday 21 March 2024 – Hybrid meeting

Thursday 23 May 2024 – Hybrid meeting

7. AOCB:

There were no other items of competent business. The Chair offered his thanks to Jim Thewlis for his participation in the SNCT for many years. The Committee offered its best wishes to Jim for a very long and healthy retirement.