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Saturday 24th September 2011

**Conference Room,
 School of Celtic & Scottish Studies
 27–29 George Square
 University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh**

**THE MINISTERIAL WORKING GROUP
 ON THE SCOTS LANGUAGE:**

its genesis, its content, its reception and the future

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PROGRAMME

- 9:30 Registration and coffee
- 10:00 **Welcome** (Chris Robinson, Member of the Working Group)
- 10:10 **Opening Address** (Alasdair Allan MSP, Minister for Learning and Skills, Member of the Working Group)
- 10:30 **The Chairman's View** (Derrick McClure, Chair of the Working Group and author of the Report)
- 11:20 **Scots, Politics and the Census** (Michael Hance, Member of the Working Group, Director of the Scots Language Centre)
- 12:00 Questions and discussion
- 12:30 Lunch
- 1:30 **A Poet's View** (Rab Wilson, Member of the Working Group, Poet)
- 2:10 **An Inside Outsider Looks On** (Jim Alison, HMI National Specialist for English in Scottish Primary and Secondary schools, 1982–1993)
- 2:50 Questions and discussion
- 3:20 Close of conference

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