



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

RURAL AFFAIRS, CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES

6th Meeting, 2016 (Session 4)

Wednesday 24 February 2016

Present:

Claudia Beamish	Sarah Boyack
Graeme Dey (Deputy Convener)	Alex Fergusson
Rob Gibson (Convener)	Jim Hume
Angus MacDonald	Michael Russell
Dave Thompson	

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take item 7 in private and consider its draft legacy report in private at future meetings.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee took evidence on the Air Quality (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 [draft] from—

Aileen McLeod, Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform, Neil Ritchie, Branch Head, Natural Assets and Flooding, and Andrew Taylor, Air Quality Policy Manager, Scottish Government.

3. **Subordinate legislation:** Aileen McLeod (Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform) moved—

S4M-15453—That the Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee recommends that the Air Quality (Scotland) Regulations [draft] be approved.

After debate, the motion was agreed to.

4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee took evidence on the Reservoirs (Enforcement etc.) (Scotland) order 2016 [draft] from—

Aileen McLeod, Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform, Neil Ritchie, Branch Head, Natural Assets and Flooding, and Claire Dodd, Reservoirs Policy Officer, Scottish Government.

5. **Subordinate legislation:** Aileen McLeod (Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform) moved—

S4M-15450—That the Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee recommends that the Reservoirs (Enforcement etc.) (Scotland) Order 2016 [draft] be approved.

After debate, the motion was agreed to.

6. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee considered the following negative instruments—

Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004 (Authorised Operations) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/38);
Pollution Prevention and Control (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/39);
Waste Management Licensing (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/40);
Reservoirs (Scotland) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/43);
Carbon Accounting Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/46);
Orkney Islands (Landing of Crabs and Lobsters) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/50);
Croft House Grant (Scotland) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/63).

The Committee agreed to seek clarification from the Scottish Government on the Orkney Islands (Landing of Crabs and Lobsters) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/50) and the Croft House Grant (Scotland) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/63), and to make no recommendations in relation to any of the instruments.

7. **SRUC - Scotland's Rural College (in private):** The Committee considered correspondence from SRUC. The Committee agreed to write to the Scottish Government and respond to SRUC.

The meeting closed at 11.17 am.

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