RURAL AFFAIRS, CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES

2nd Meeting, 2016 (Session 4)

Wednesday 20 January 2016

Present:

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

Also present: Patrick Harvie, Johann Lamont and Aileen McLeod, Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform.

The meeting opened at 9.37 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private**: The Committee agreed to take item 5 in private. The Committee also agreed to consider its letter to the Scottish Government on the Wildlife Crime in Scotland 2014 Annual Report in private at future meetings.

2. **Subordinate legislation**: The Committee took evidence on the Microchipping of Dogs (Scotland) Regulations 2016 [draft] from—

   Richard Lochhead, Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Food and Environment, Dr. Beverley Williams, Rural and Environment Directorate, Animal Health and Welfare Division, and Andrew Voas, Veterinary Adviser, Animal Health and Welfare Division, Scottish Government;

   Andrew Campbell, Solicitor, Scottish Government Legal Directorate.

3. **Subordinate legislation**: Richard Lochhead (Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Food and Environment) moved—

   S4M-15056—That the Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee recommends that the Microchipping of Dogs (Scotland) Regulations 2016 [draft] be approved.
After debate, the motion was agreed to.

4. **Land Reform (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee considered the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 1).

   The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 15, 16A, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 75, 22, 76, 23, 24A, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30A and 30.

   The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—
   17 (For 4, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
   103 (For 2, Against 7, Abstentions 0)
   105 (For 2, Against 7, Abstentions 0)
   106A (For 2, Against 7, Abstentions 0)
   106 (For 2, Against 7, Abstentions 0).

   The following amendments were moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn: 101, 8, 5, 102 and 10.

   The following amendments were not moved: 72, 73, 7, 74, 100, 9, 77, 78, 11, 12, 79, 80, 104 and 107.

   The following provisions were agreed to without amendment: sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19 and 21.

   The following provisions were agreed to as amended: sections 1, 7, 8, 9, 18 and 20.

   The Committee ended consideration of the Bill for the day amendment 107 having been disposed of.

5. **Crown Estate (in private):** The Committee agreed a letter to the Devolution (Further Powers) Committee.

   The meeting closed at 1.31 pm.

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