Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee

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Subordinate legislation

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Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee

Remit and membership

Remit:

To consider and report on agriculture, fisheries, rural development, climate change, the environment and other matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs & the Environment.

Membership:

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The Committee reports to the Parliament as follows—

Marine licensing

1. On 6 December 2011, the Marine Licensing (Exempted Activities) (Scottish Inshore and Offshore Regions) Amendment Order 2012 [draft] was laid before the Parliament and was subject to the affirmative procedure.

2. This Order amends the Marine Licensing (Exempted Activities) (Scottish Inshore Region) Order 2011 and the Marine Licensing (Exempted Activities) (Scottish Offshore Region) Order 2011.

3. At its meeting on 25 January, the Committee took evidence on the Marine Licensing (Exempted Activities) (Scottish Inshore and Offshore Regions) Amendment Order 2012 [draft] from—

   Richard Lochhead, Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and the Environment, Matthew Cartney, Policy Officer, Marine Planning and Policy, and Ian Vickerstaff, Solicitor, Directorate for Legal Services, Scottish Government.

4. The Scottish Government has undertaken to provide further information on issues raised during the evidence session.

5. Following the evidence session, Richard Lochhead moved the motion S4M-001685—

   That the Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee recommends that the Marine Licensing (Exempted Activities) (Scottish Inshore and Offshore Regions) Amendment Order 2012 [draft] be approved.

6. The motion was agreed to.
Prohibited procedures on protected animals

7. On 13 December 2011, the Prohibited Procedures on Protected Animals (Exemptions) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2012 [draft] were laid before the Parliament and were subject to the affirmative procedure.

8. These Regulations amend the Prohibited Procedures on Protected Animals (Exemptions) (Scotland) Regulations 2010 to allow the ear tagging of bovine animals, pigs, sheep, goats and deer for the purpose of screening or routine or random testing for disease.

9. At its meeting on 25 January 2012, the Committee took evidence on the Prohibited Procedures on Protected Animals (Exemptions) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2012 [draft] from—

   Richard Lochhead, Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and the Environment; Gordon Struth, Senior Policy Officer; and Andrew Voas, Veterinary Adviser, Animal Health and Welfare Division; and Michael Anderson, Solicitor, Rural Affairs, Directorate for Legal Services, Scottish Government.

10. The Scottish Government has undertaken to provide further information on issues raised during the evidence session.

11. Following the evidence session, Richard Lochhead moved the motion S4M-01688—

   That the Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee recommends that the Prohibited Procedures on Protected Animals (Exemptions) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2012 [draft] be approved.

12. The motion was agreed to.

13. The evidence taken at that meeting on these instruments can be found in the Official Report at the following link:

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