The meeting opened at 11.30 am.

1. **Declaration of interests**: John Mason had no interests to declare.

2. **Decision on taking business in private**: The Committee agreed to take items 9 and 10 in private.

3. **Instruments subject to affirmative procedure**: The Committee agreed that no points arose on the following—

   - Public Services Reform (Inspection and Monitoring of Prisons) (Scotland) Order 2014 [draft].

4. **Instruments subject to negative procedure**: The Committee agreed to draw the attention of the Parliament to the following—

   - Marriage Between Persons of Different Sexes (Prescribed Bodies) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/304);
   - Food Information (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/312);

   and that no points arose on the following—

   - Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 (Ancillary Provision) (No. 2) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/315);
   - Smoke Control Areas (Exempted Fireplaces) (Scotland) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/316);
Smoke Control Areas (Authorised Fuels) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/317);
Education (Disapplication of section 53B) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/318);
Environmental Regulation (Relevant Offences) (Scotland) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/319);
Controlled Waste (Fixed Penalty Notices) (Scotland) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/320);
Litter (Fixed Penalty Notices) (Scotland) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/321);
Environmental Regulation (Liability where Activity Carried Out by Arrangement with Another) (Scotland) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/323);
Environmental Regulation (Significant Environmental Harm) (Scotland) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/324);
Common Agricultural Policy (Cross-Compliance) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/325);
Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Content of Performance Reports) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/326).

5. Instruments not subject to any parliamentary procedure: The Committee agreed that no points arose on the following—

Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 4) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/314).

6. Welfare Funds (Scotland) Bill: The Committee considered the Scottish Government's response to its Stage 1 report.

7. Food (Scotland) Bill: The Committee considered the delegated powers provisions in this Bill after Stage 2.

8. Modern Slavery Bill (UK Parliament legislation): The Committee considered the powers to make subordinate legislation conferred on Scottish Ministers in the Modern Slavery Bill (UK Parliament legislation) and agreed the contents of a report to the lead committee.

9. Serious Crime Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (in private): The Committee considered the powers to make subordinate legislation conferred on Scottish Ministers in the Serious Crime Bill (UK Parliament legislation) and agreed the contents of a report to the lead committee.

10. Prisoners (Control of Release) (Scotland) Bill (in private): The Committee agreed a report to the Justice Committee.

The meeting closed at 11.49 am.