



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES

1st Meeting, 2013 (Session 4)

Tuesday 8 January 2013

Present:

Nigel Don (Convener)	Jim Eadie
Mike MacKenzie	Hanzala Malik
John Pentland	John Scott
Stewart Stevenson (Deputy Convener)	

The meeting opened at 10.44 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take item 6 in private.
2. **Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee agreed to draw the attention of the Parliament to the following—

[Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 \(Exclusions and Exceptions\) \(Scotland\) Order 2013 \[draft\];](#)
[Council Tax \(Variation for Unoccupied Dwellings\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2013 \[draft\].](#)

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

[Council Tax \(Administration and Enforcement\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2012 \(SSI 2012/338\).](#)

and that no points arose on the following—

[Children's Hearings \(Scotland\) Act 2011 \(Safeguarders: Further Provision\) Regulations 2012 \(SSI 2012/336\);](#)
[Council Tax \(Exempt Dwellings\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2012 \(SSI 2012/339\);](#)

[M9/A90/M90 Trunk Road \(Humbie Rail Bridge to M9 Junction 1a\) \(Variable Speed Limits and Actively Managed Hard Shoulder\) Regulations 2012 \(SSI 2012/343\);](#)
[M9/A9 Trunk Road \(Newbridge to Winchburgh\) \(Variable Speed Limits and Actively Managed Hard Shoulder\) Regulations 2012 \(SSI 2012/344\);](#)
[Local Government Pension Scheme \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2012 \(SSI 2012/347\).](#)

In relation to SSI 2012/336, the Committee agreed to write to the Minister for Parliamentary Business raising concerns about the laying of packages of instruments.

4. **Energy Bill 2012-13 (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee considered the powers to make subordinate legislation conferred on Scottish Ministers in the Energy Bill 2012-13 (UK Parliament legislation) and agreed the contents of a report.
5. **Freedom of Information (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee considered the delegated powers provisions in this Bill after Stage 2 and agreed the contents of a report.
6. **Annual report 2012-13 (in private):** The Committee considered its approach to the annual report for the parliamentary year 2012-13. The Committee agreed its approach to quarterly reports and also agreed to raise with the Scottish Government its concerns about the number of rural affairs instruments reported on.

The meeting closed at 11.35 am.

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