



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

DELEGATED POWERS AND LAW REFORM COMMITTEE

MINUTES

27th Meeting, 2018 (Session 5)

Tuesday 18 September 2018

Present:

Tom Arthur
Alison Harris
Graham Simpson (Convener)

Neil Findlay
Stuart McMillan (Deputy Convener)

The meeting opened at 10.30 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take items 5, 6 and 7 in private.
2. **Update on secondary legislation:** The Committee took evidence from—

Graeme Dey, Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans; Colin Brown, Senior Principal Legal Officer, Scottish Government Legal Directorate; Steven Macgregor, Head of Parliament and Legislation Unit; Luke McBratney, Policy Officer, Constitution and UK Relations Division, Scottish Government.
3. **Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee agreed that no points arose on the following—

[Renewables Obligation \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2018 \[draft\];](#)
[Early Years Assistance \(Best Start Grants\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2018 \[draft\].](#)
4. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee agreed that no points arose on the following—

[Licensing Register \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2018 \(SSI 2018/267\).](#)

5. **Fuel Poverty (Target, Definition and Strategy) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee considered its approach to the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1 and agreed to ask questions of the Scottish Government in writing on certain powers within the Bill.
6. **Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee considered further the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1 and agreed to consider a draft report in private at a future meeting. The Committee also agreed to write to the Scottish Government seeking clarification on a particular area of the Bill.
7. **Update on secondary legislation (in private):** The Committee considered the evidence it heard earlier and agreed to seek further information from the Minister in writing on some of the issues that were explored.

The meeting closed at 11.13 am.

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