



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE AND LAND REFORM COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

26th Meeting, 2018 (Session 5)

Tuesday 25 September 2018

Present:

Claudia Beamish	Finlay Carson
Richard Lyle	Angus MacDonald
Gillian Martin (Convener)	Mark Ruskell
Alex Rowley	Stewart Stevenson
John Scott (Deputy Convener)	

The meeting opened at 9.31 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take items 4, 5 and 6 in private.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee took evidence on the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016 (Register of Persons Holding a Controlled Interest in Land) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 [draft] from—
  - Megan MacInnes, Adviser - Land, Global Witness;
  - Dr Calum MacLeod, Policy Director, Community Land Scotland;
  - Jason Rust, Legal Adviser, Scottish Land and Estates;
  - John Sinclair, Property Law Committee and Property and Land Law Reform Sub-Committee, Law Society of Scotland;
  - Ann Stewart, Commercial Real Estate Committee Member, Scottish Property Federation.
3. **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018:** The Committee considered a proposal by the Scottish Government to consent to the UK Government legislating using the powers under the Act in relation to the following UK statutory instrument proposals: Ionising Radiation (Basic Safety Standards)

(Miscellaneous Provisions) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018 and the Justification Decision Powers (EU Exit) Regulations 2018, and took evidence from—

Charles Stewart Roper, Head of Radioactive Waste and Nuclear Decommissioning Policy Team, and James Hamilton, Solicitor, Scottish Government.

4. **Subordinate legislation (in private):** The Committee considered evidence heard on the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016 (Register of Persons Holding a Controlled Interest in Land) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 [draft] earlier in the meeting.
5. **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (in private):** The Committee considered evidence heard on the Ionising Radiation (Basic Safety Standards) (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018 and the Justification Decision Powers (EU Exit) Regulations 2018 earlier in the meeting.

The Committee agreed that it was content with the Scottish Government granting its consent to the UK Government proposals and agreed to report to Parliament.

6. **Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee considered written evidence received at Stage 1 and agreed its approach to evidence sessions.

The meeting closed at 12.51 pm.

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