The meeting opened at 10.03 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private**: The Committee agreed to take items 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 in private.

2. **Report on deer management in Scotland**: The Committee took evidence from—

   Ian Ross, Chairman, Eileen Stuart, Head of Policy and Advice, and Claudia Rowse, Head of Rural Resources Unit, Scottish Natural Heritage.

   Alexander Burnett declared an interest in deer management, forestry and farming.

3. **Subordinate legislation**: The Committee took evidence on the Crown Estate Scotland (Interim Management) Order 2017 [draft] from—

   Humza Yousaf, Minister for Transport and the Islands, David Mallon, Head of Crown Estate Strategy Unit, Marine Scotland, and Douglas Kerr, Solicitor, Directorate for Legal Services, Scottish Government.

4. **Subordinate legislation**: Humza Yousaf (Minister for Transport and the Islands) moved—
S5M-02399—That the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee recommends that the Crown Estate Scotland (Interim Management) Order 2017 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed.

5. **Report on deer management in Scotland (in private):** The Committee reviewed the evidence heard earlier in the meeting and agreed to invite additional witnesses to its session on 13 December 2016.

6. **Biodiversity: Scotland's progress to 2020 (in private):** The Committee considered its response to the Scottish Government. Various changes were agreed to and the letter was approved for publication.

7. **Scotland's greenhouse gas emission targets (in private):** The Committee considered its response to the Scottish Government and will consider this again at next week's meeting.

8. **Draft climate change plan (RPP3) (in private):** The Committee agreed an updated approach to this work.

9. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee agreed to write to the Scottish Government seeking an update on its work on deposit return schemes in Scotland as well as engaging informally with relevant stakeholders. The Committee agreed to review its progress at a future meeting.

The meeting closed at 1.00 pm.

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