



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE AND LAND REFORM COMMITTEE

MINUTES

35th Meeting, 2018 (Session 5)

Tuesday 27 November 2018

Present:

Claudia Beamish
Angus MacDonald
Mark Ruskell
Stewart Stevenson

Finlay Carson
Gillian Martin (Convener)
John Scott (Deputy Convener)

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take item 7 in private.
2. **Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee took evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—

Roseanna Cunningham, Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform;

Clare Hamilton, Deputy Director, Decarbonisation Division, Sara Grainger, Team Leader, Delivery Unit, Decarbonisation Division, and Simon Fuller, Deputy Director, Economic Analysis, Office of the Chief Economic Adviser, Scottish Government.

3. **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018:** The Committee considered the following proposals 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—

The Health and Safety (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018;
The Environment (Miscellaneous Amendments) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018;
The Floods and Water (Amendments etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018;

The Justification of Practices for Ionising Radiation, Radioactive Contaminated Land (England) (Northern Ireland) and Nuclear Reactors (Environmental Impact Assessment for Decommissioning) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018; and
The Leghold Traps (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018.

The Committee agreed it was content for the Scottish Government to give its consent for UK Ministers to lay these regulations in the UK Parliament.

4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee considered the following negative instrument—

The Environmental Noise (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/342).

5. **Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee reviewed the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

6. **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018** The Committee took evidence on the Storage of Carbon Dioxide (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018 from—

Stuart McKay, Head of Carbon Capture, Utilisation and Storage, Scottish Government.

7. **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (in private):** The Committee reviewed the evidence heard at agenda item 6. The Committee then considered the following 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 proposal—

The Storage of Carbon Dioxide (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018.

The Committee agreed it was content for the Scottish Government to give its consent for UK Ministers to lay this regulation in the UK Parliament.

The meeting closed at 2.53 pm.

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