



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

**ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE AND LAND REFORM COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

**9th Meeting, 2016 (Session 5)**

**Tuesday 1 November 2016**

Present:

Claudia Beamish

Finlay Carson

Kate Forbes

Maurice Golden (Deputy Convener)

Angus MacDonald

David Stewart

Alexander Burnett

Graeme Dey (Convener)

Jenny Gilruth

Emma Harper

Mark Ruskell

The meeting opened at 10.04 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take items 4 and 5 in private.
2. **Biodiversity: Scotland's progress to 2020:** The Committee took evidence from—

Adam Smith, Director Scotland, Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust;

Duncan Orr-Ewing, Head of Species and Land Management, The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds Scotland;

Calum Duncan, Head of Conservation Scotland, Marine Conservation Society;

Chris Ellis, Head of Cryptogamic Botany, Royal Botanical Gardens;

Catherine Lloyd, Tayside Biodiversity Co-ordinator, Tayside Biodiversity Partnership;

Bruce Wilson, Senior Policy Officer, Scottish Wildlife Trust;

William McGhee, Forest Policy Group.

Alexander Burnett declared an interest as a member of Wildlife Estates Scotland which has an interest in forestries.

3. **Petition PE1490:** The Committee considered a petition by Patrick Krause on the control of wild goose numbers. The Committee agreed to await the publication of Scottish Natural Heritage's review of goose management policy and to write to the petitioner seeking an update on wild geese numbers.
4. **Biodiversity: Scotland's progress to 2020 (in private):** The Committee considered evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
5. **Scotland's greenhouse gas emissions targets and climate change adaptation (in private):** The Committee reviewed the evidence heard at earlier meetings and agreed to write to the Scottish Government on both its greenhouse gas emissions targets and climate change adaptation work.

The meeting closed at 12.49 pm.

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