



PUBLIC AUDIT AND POST-LEGISLATIVE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

19th Meeting, 2017 (Session 5)

Thursday 7 September 2017

Present:

Jackie Baillie (Acting Convener)
Alex Neil
Colin Beattie
Bill Bowman

Liam Kerr (Deputy Convener)
Willie Coffey
Monica Lennon

The meeting opened at 9.00 am.

1. **Declaration of interests:** Bill Bowman declared an interest as a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland and a former partner of KPMG.
2. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take item 4 in private and agreed to consider its work programme in private at a future meeting.
3. **Common Agricultural Policy Futures programme: further update:** The Committee took evidence from Liz Ditchburn, Director-General Economy, and Elinor Mitchell, Director, Agriculture, Food and Rural Communities, Scottish Government.
4. **Common Agricultural Policy Futures programme: further update (in private):** The Committee considered the evidence heard at agenda item 3 and took evidence from Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland, and Gemma Diamond, Senior Manager, Audit Scotland. The Committee agreed to write to the Scottish Government about various issues arising from the Auditor General's report.
5. **Post-legislative scrutiny - National Fraud Initiative report (in private):** The Committee considered a draft report and the report was agreed for publication.

The meeting closed at 11.01 am.

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