



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## RURAL ECONOMY AND CONNECTIVITY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

9th Meeting, 2018 (Session 5)

Wednesday 21 March 2018

Present:

Peter Chapman

John Finnie

Richard Lyle

John Mason

Gail Ross (Deputy Convener)

Colin Smyth

Alex Cole-Hamilton (Committee  
Substitute)

Jamie Greene

Fulton MacGregor

Edward Mountain (Convener)

Mike Rumbles

Stewart Stevenson

Also present: Liam McArthur, Tavish Scott

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Laser Misuse (Vehicles) Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee considered the legislative consent memorandum lodged by Cabinet Secretary for Rural Economy and Connectivity (LCM(S5)14) and took evidence from—

Humza Yousaf, Minister for Transport and the Islands, Bertrand Deiss, Head of Road Safety Policy, and Stephen Rees, Solicitor, Scottish Government.

and agreed to recommend the Parliament to approve the content of the LCM and the motion as drafted by the Cabinet Secretary.

2. **Islands (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee considered the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 1).

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 10, 1, 2A, 2, 32, 17, 18, 19, 36, 3, 40 and 4.

Amendment 29 was agreed to (by division: For 6, Against 5, Abstentions 0).

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—  
37 (For 3, Against 7, Abstentions 1)

42 (For 4, Against 6, Abstentions 1)

Amendment 28 was moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn.

The following amendments were not moved: 30, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 31, 33, 34, 35, 38, 39, and 41.

The following provisions were agreed to without amendment: sections 1 and 6.

The following provisions were agreed to as amended: sections 2, 3, 4 and 5.

The Committee ended consideration of the Bill for the day section 6 having been agreed to.

The meeting closed at 12.46 pm.

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