



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## RURAL AFFAIRS AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

29th Meeting, 2009 (Session 3)

Wednesday 25 November 2009

Present:

Karen Gillon	Liam McArthur
Alasdair Morgan	Elaine Murray
Peter Peacock	John Scott (Deputy Convener)
Sandra White (Committee Substitute)	Bill Wilson

Also present: Robin Harper, Stuart McMillan

Apologies were received from Maureen Watt (Convener).

The meeting opened at 10.03 am.

1. **Declaration of interests:** Sandra White declared that she had no relevant interests.
2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take item 5 in private.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee considered the following negative instruments—

the Feed (Specified Undesirable Substances) (Scotland) Regulations 2009 (SSI 2009/373); and

the Rural Payments (Appeals) (Scotland) Regulations 2009 (SSI 2009/376)

and agreed to make no recommendations on the instruments.

4. **Marine (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee considered the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 2).

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 197, 66, 209, 210, 67, 68, 69, 70, 109, 71, 72, 73, 74 and 234.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division):

199 (For 4, Against 3, Abstentions 1)

179 (For 4, Against 3, Abstentions 1)

222 (For 4, Against 3, Abstentions 1).

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division):

196 (For 4, Against 4, Abstentions 0; amendment disagreed to on casting vote)

202 (For 4, Against 4, Abstentions 0; amendment disagreed to on casting vote)

213 (For 3, Against 4, Abstentions 1)

215 (For 0, Against 8, Abstentions 0)

216 (For 4, Against 4, Abstentions 0; amendment disagreed to on casting vote)

219 (For 4, Against 4, Abstentions 0; amendment disagreed to on casting vote)

188 (For 0, Against 8, Abstentions 0)

The following amendment were moved, and with the agreement of the Committee, withdrawn: 194, 178, 195, 180, 217, 183, 184 and 187.

The following amendments were not moved: 198, 200, 203, 204, 205, 206, 66A, 207, 208, 211, 181, 212, 214, 182, 218, 220, 221, 185, 223, 224, 186, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232 and 233.

Amendment 201 was pre-empted.

Sections 56, 57, 58, 60, 61, 62, 64, 67, 68, 69, 70, 72, 73, 74, 75 and 77 were agreed to without amendment.

Sections 59, 63, 65, 66, 71 and 76 were agreed to as amended.

The Committee ended consideration of the Bill for the day, section 77 having been agreed to.

5. **Fisheries (in private):** The Committee considered an approach to a letter to the Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and the Environment on fishing opportunities in 2010.
6. **Common Fisheries Policy reform (in private):** The Committee considered a draft report on reform of the Common Fisheries Policy and, subject to a number of changes being made, agreed to delegate authority to sign off the final report to the Deputy Convener.

The meeting closed at 1.44 pm.

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