1. **Declaration of interests**: Neil Findlay declared that he is a member of both the EIS and Unite trade unions and that his wife works for the NHS.

2. **Decision on taking business in private**: The Committee agreed to take items 6, 7 and 8 in private.

3. **Instruments subject to affirmative procedure**: The Committee agreed that no points arose on the following—

   - Police Act 1997 and the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007 Remedial Order 2018 [draft];
   - Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exclusions and Exceptions) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2018 [draft];
   - Registers of Scotland (Digital Registration, etc.) Regulations 2018 [draft];
   - Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 (Supplementary and Consequential Provisions) Order 2018 [draft].

4. **Instruments subject to negative procedure**: The Committee agreed to draw the attention of the Parliament to the following—

   - National Health Service Superannuation Scheme (Scotland) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 2) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/434);
   - Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/451);
and that no points arose on the following—

- National Health Service Pension Scheme (Scotland) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 2) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/433);
- Firefighters’ Pension Scheme (Amendment and Transitional Provision) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/435);
- Universal Credit (Claims and Payments) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/436);
- Sea Fish (Prohibited Methods of Fishing) (Firth of Clyde) Order 2017 (SSI 2017/450);
- Teachers’ Pension Scheme (Scotland) (No. 2) Amendment Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/454);
- Specified Crustaceans (Prohibition on Landing, Sale and Carriage) (Scotland) Order 2017 (SSI 2017/455);
- Allotments (Compensation) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/457);
- Forced Marriage etc. (Protection and Jurisdiction) (Scotland) Act 2011 (Relevant Third Party) Order 2017 (SSI 2017/461).

5. **Instruments not subject to any parliamentary procedure:** The Committee agreed that no points arose on the following—

- Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010 (Commencement No. 14 and Saving Provision) Order 2017 (SSI 2017/445 (C.33));
- Criminal Finances Act 2017 (Commencement) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/456 (C.34));
- Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 (Commencement No. 10, Saving, Transitional and Transitory Provisions) Order 2017 (SSI 2017/458 (C.35));
- Act of Sederunt (Summary Applications, Statutory Applications and Appeals etc. Rules Amendment (Transfer from Lands Tribunal for Scotland) 2017 (SSI 2017/459);

6. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee considered its work programme and agreed its approach to further consideration of the European Union (Withdrawal) Bill.

7. **Consideration of the work of the Committee during the parliamentary year 2016-17 (in private):** The Committee gave further consideration to matters arising from the recent evidence session with the Minister for Parliamentary Business and agreed to write again to the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Constitution to pursue a timetable for a more imminent consolidation of the Council Tax Reduction (Scotland) Regulations 2012.


The meeting closed at 10.39 am.
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