DELEGATED POWERS AND LAW REFORM COMMITTEE

MINUTES

2nd Meeting, 2018 (Session 5)

Tuesday 23 January 2018

Present:

Neil Findlay                      Alison Harris
Graham Simpson (Convener)         David Torrance

Apologies were received from Stuart McMillan (Deputy Convener).

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take item 8 in private.

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

   Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Act 2015 (Support for Victims) Regulations 2018 [draft].

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

   - Education (Recognised Bodies) (Scotland) Order 2018 (SSI 2018/6);
   - Contract (Third Party Rights) (Scotland) Act 2017 (Commencement) Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/8 (C.1));
   - Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Act 2015 (Commencement No. 4) Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/9 (C.2));

4. **Social Security (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee agreed to note the Scottish Government's response to its Stage 1 report but at the same time agreed to write to the Scottish Government to reiterate the concerns it has over certain delegated powers provisions within the Bill.
5. **Civil Litigation (Expenses and Group Proceedings) (Scotland) Bill**: The Committee agreed to welcome the Scottish Government's response to its Stage 1 report.

6. **Forestry and Land Management (Scotland) Bill**: The Committee considered the delegated powers provisions in this Bill after Stage 2 and agreed the contents of its Stage 2 report.

7. **Gender Representation on Public Boards (Scotland) Bill**: The Committee considered the delegated powers provisions in this Bill after Stage 2 and agreed the contents of its Stage 2 report.

8. **European Union (Withdrawal) Bill (in private)**: The Committee considered a paper from the Clerk outlining recent developments of relevance to its ongoing consideration of the European Union (Withdrawal) Bill and agreed to respond in writing to the Presiding Officer in relation to a letter received from the Secretary of State for Scotland.

The meeting closed at 10.16 am.

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