DELEGATED POWERS AND LAW REFORM COMMITTEE

MINUTES

12th Meeting, 2018 (Session 5)

Tuesday 17 April 2018

Present:

Bill Bowman (Committee Substitute)        Stuart McMillan (Deputy Convener)
Graham Simpson (Convener)                  David Torrance

Apologies were received from Neil Findlay, Alison Harris.

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private**: The Committee agreed to take items 5, 6, 7 and 8 in private.

2. **Prescription (Scotland) Bill**: The Committee took evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—

   Dr Andrew Simpson, Senior Lecturer, School of Law, University of Aberdeen; Dr Eleanor Russell, Senior Lecturer in Law, Glasgow Caledonian University; David Wedderburn OBE, Forensic Architect, Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland (RIAS).

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

   - [Loch Carron Urgent Marine Conservation (No. 2) Order 2017 (Urgent Continuation) Order 2018 (SSI 2018/100)]
   - [Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications and Deemed Applications) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/110)]
   - [Letting Agents (Notice Requiring Information) (Scotland) Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/115)]

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

   - [Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016 (Commencement No.7) Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/99 (C.9))]
5. **Civil Litigation (Expenses and Group Proceedings) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee considered the delegated powers provisions in this Bill after Stage 2 and agreed the contents of a report.

6. **Social Security (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee considered further the delegated powers provisions in this Bill after Stage 2 and decided upon the contents of a report.

7. **European Union (Withdrawal) Bill (in private):** The Committee considered recent developments of relevance to its ongoing consideration of the European Union (Withdrawal) Bill.

8. **Report on instruments considered during the third quarter of the parliamentary year 2017-18 (in private):** The Committee agreed its third quarterly report for the parliamentary year 2017-18 and also agreed to write to the Scottish Government expressing its satisfaction with the standard of Scottish statutory instruments laid during the period.

9. **Prescription (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee agreed to defer consideration of the evidence it heard and to consider the written evidence it has received at a future meeting.

The meeting closed at 1.02 pm.

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