DELEGATED POWERS AND LAW REFORM COMMITTEE

MINUTES

14th Meeting, 2018 (Session 5)

Tuesday 1 May 2018

Present:

Tom Arthur
Neil Findlay
Graham Simpson (Convener)

Bill Bowman (Committee Substitute)
Stuart McMillan (Deputy Convener)

Apologies were received from Alison Harris.

The meeting opened at 10.02 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private**: The Committee agreed to take item 5 in private.

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

   Annabelle Ewing, Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs; Jill Clark, Head of Civil Law Reform Unit, Justice Directorate; Michael Paparakis, Civil Law Policy Manager, Civil Law Reform Unit; Neel Mojee, Solicitor, Constitution and Civil Law, Scottish Government.

3. **European Union (Withdrawal) Bill (UK Parliament legislation)**: The Committee took evidence on supplementary legislative consent memorandum LCM-S5-10a from—

   Michael Russell, Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland’s Place in Europe; Gerald Byrne, Head of Constitutional Policy; Graham Fisher, Solicitor and Team Leader, Constitutional and Civil Law Division; Luke McBratney, Policy Officer, Legislative Consequences of EU Withdrawal Project, Scottish Government.
4. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee agreed to draw the attention of the Parliament to the following—

- Common Agricultural Policy (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/122);

and that no points arose on the following—

- National Health Service Superannuation Scheme (Scotland) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 2) Regulations 2017 Amendment Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/123);
- Act of Sederunt (Fees of Messengers-at-Arms, Sheriff Officers and Shorthand Writers) (Amendment) 2018 (SSI 2018/126);
- Bankruptcy Fees (Scotland) Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/127).

5. **European Union (Withdrawal) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (in private):** The Committee considered the evidence it heard earlier in the meeting.

6. **Prescription (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee considered the evidence it heard earlier in the meeting and agreed to seek additional information in writing from COSLA and SOLAR.

The meeting closed at 12.32 pm.

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