



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## DELEGATED POWERS AND LAW REFORM COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

26th Meeting, 2018 (Session 5)

Tuesday 11 September 2018

Present:

Tom Arthur  
Alison Harris  
Graham Simpson (Convener)

Neil Findlay  
Stuart McMillan (Deputy Convener)

The meeting opened at 11.46 am.

1. **Transport (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee considered its approach to the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1 and agreed to ask questions of the Scottish Government in writing on certain powers within the Bill. The Committee also agreed that it would review the response from the Scottish Government and take oral evidence from the Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity at a future meeting if required.
2. **Vulnerable Witnesses (Criminal Evidence) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee considered its approach to the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1 and agreed to consider a draft report at a future meeting.
3. **Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee agreed the contents of a report to the Equalities and Human Rights Committee.
4. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take items 7 and 8 in private.
5. **Trade Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee took evidence on legislative consent memorandum LCM(S5)12 from—

Michael Russell, Cabinet Secretary for Government Business and Constitutional Relations; Graham Fisher, Solicitor, Scottish Government Legal Directorate; Stephen Sadler, Head of Trade Policy Team, Scottish Government.

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

[Social Security \(Scotland\) Act 2018 \(Commencement No. 1\) Regulations 2018 \(SSI 2018/250 \(C.17\)\)](#);  
[Act of Sederunt \(Rules of the Court of Session 1994 Amendment\) \(Jury Trials\) 2018 \(SSI 2018/266\)](#).

7. **Trade Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (in private):** The Committee considered the evidence it heard earlier and agreed to consider the contents of a draft report at a future meeting.
8. **Prescription (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee considered additional written evidence received in relation to the Bill and agreed to note the responses.

The meeting closed at 1.02 pm.

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