ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE AND LAND REFORM COMMITTEE

MINUTES

7th Meeting, 2018 (Session 5)

Tuesday 27 February 2018

Present:

Claudia Beamish
Donald Cameron
Finlay Carson
Graeme Dey (Convener)
Kate Forbes
Richard Lyle
Angus MacDonald
Alex Rowley
Mark Ruskell
John Scott (Deputy Convener)
Stewart Stevenson

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take items 3 and 4 in private.

2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee took evidence on the reason for a breach of parliamentary procedure on the Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/451) from—

   Paul Wheelhouse, Minister for Business, Innovation and Energy, Joanna Dingwall, Solicitor, Rural Affairs, and Gayle Holland, Compliance Manager, Marine Scotland, Scottish Government.

3. **Inquiry into the environmental impacts of salmon farming (in private):** The Committee considered its draft report to the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee.

4. **Inquiry into EU environmental and animal welfare principles (in private):** The Committee considered its approach to the inquiry and agreed:

   - The terms of reference
   - The approach to evidence and list of stakeholders to contact
The content of the call for evidence
The timetable for the inquiry
To delegate authority to the convener to sign of any witness expenses
To delegate authority to the convener to agreed media engagement

John Scott declared an interest as a Honorary Member of the British Veterinary Association and as a member of the National Farmers Union Scotland (NFUS).

Mark Ruskell declared an interest as a Honorary Associate Member of the British Veterinary Association.

The meeting closed at 12.45 pm.

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