ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE AND LAND REFORM COMMITTEE

MINUTES

6th Meeting, 2018 (Session 5)

Tuesday 20 February 2018

Present:

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

Apologies were received from Claudia Beamish.

The meeting opened at 9.40 am.

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

2. **Scottish Crown Estate Bill**: The Committee took evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—

   David Mallon, Head of Crown Estate Strategy Unit, and Mike Palmer, Deputy Director, Aquaculture, Crown Estate, Recreational Fisheries, EMFF and Europe Division, Marine Scotland;

   Douglas Kerr, Solicitor, Scottish Government Legal Directorate.

   Angus MacDonald declared an interest as the owner of a non-domestic property in the Hebrides.
   Donald Cameron declared an interest as a land owner.

3. **Air quality in Scotland (in private)**: The Committee considered a draft report. Various changes were agreed to. The Committee delegated to the Convener responsibility for finalising the draft report for publication.

4. **Scottish Crown Estate Bill (in private)**: The Committee considered evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
5. **Environmental implications for Scotland of the UK leaving the EU (in private):** The Committee considered evidence heard in earlier meetings and agreed an approach to further work. The Committee agreed to invite the Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform and the Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe to give evidence to the Committee on progress and the implications for environmental protections. The Committee also agreed to write to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs seeking an early meeting. The Committee will consider the focus of its work on environmental principles of EU law at a future meeting. The Committee agreed to write to counterpart Committees in the UK. The Committee appointed Mark Ruskell as its EU Reporter.

6. **Inquiry into the environmental impacts of salmon farming (in private):** The Committee considered evidence received.

The meeting closed at 12.56 pm.

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