Present:

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

Apologies were received from Gil Paterson.

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

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

2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed that any consideration of any evidence, draft correspondence and draft reports on its inquiry into EU environmental and animal welfare principles should be taken in private at future meetings.

3. **Inquiry into EU environmental and animal welfare principles:** The Committee took evidence from—

   Roseanna Cunningham, Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform, Ian Jardine, National Adviser on Environmental Policy, Andrew Voas, Veterinary Head of Animal Welfare Team, and Kate Thomson-McDermott, Head of Environment and Agriculture Strategy & Post-EU Referendum Unit, Scottish Government.

   John Scott declared an interest as a farmer.

4. **Climate Change Bill - Advice of the Committee on Climate Change:** The Committee took evidence from—
Roseanna Cunningham, Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform, Dr Sara Grainger, Head of Decarbonisation Delivery Unit, and Dr Tom Russon, Policy Officer, Scottish Government.

John Scott declared an interest as a farmer.

5. Inquiry into EU environmental and animal welfare principles (in private): The Committee considered evidence heard earlier in the meeting and agreed to hear from the roundtable on Environment and Climate Change, following publication of its forthcoming report.

6. Climate Change Bill - Advice of the Committee on Climate Change (in private): The Committee considered evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

The meeting closed at 12.18 pm.

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