17th Meeting, 2018 (Session 5)
Tuesday 22 May 2018

Present:

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

Apologies were received from Gil Paterson and Stewart Stevenson.

The meeting opened at 10.22 am.

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

2. **Annual report 2017-18**: The Committee agreed its annual report for the parliamentary year from 12 May 2017 to 11 May 2018, subject to changes. The Committee delegated to the Convener responsibility for finalising the report for publication.

3. **EU Environmental Principles inquiry (in private)**: The Committee agreed correspondence to the Finance and Constitution Committee.

4. **Impacts of Salmon Farming on the Environment (in private)**: The Committee considered a reporters’ report and correspondence on the inquiry. The Committee agreed to write to the Scottish Salmon Producers’ organisation and to the Animal and Plant Health Association. The Committee also agreed to send its’ report on the environmental impact of salmon farming to the House of Commons Environmental Audit Committee.

5. **Scottish Crown Estate Bill (in private)**: The Committee agreed correspondence Crown Estate Scotland.
6. **Scottish Crown Estate Bill (in private):** The Committee considered a revised draft Stage 1 Report. Various changes were agreed to, and the report was agreed for publication.

The meeting closed at 11.42 am.

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