The meeting opened at 9.35 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private**: The Committee agreed to take items 6, 7, 8 and 9 in private.

2. **Declaration of interests**: Alex Neil was invited to declare any relevant interests and he referred to his entry in the Register of Interests.

3. **Scottish Government EU Roundtable on Environment and Climate Change**: The Committee took evidence on the Environmental Governance Report of the Roundtable on Environment and Climate Change from—

   - Professor Campbell Gemmell, (Chair of the Roundtable), Canopus Scotland;
   - Lloyd Austin, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds;
   - Jonny Hughes, Scottish Wildlife Trust;
   - Professor Colin Reid, University of Dundee (via video conference).

Donald Cameron declared an interest as a practising advocate.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee considered the following instrument—


The Committee agreed to make no recommendations in relation to the instrument.

The Committee agreed to write to the Scottish Government and review progress in 18 months.

5. **Petition PE1646:** The Committee considered a petition by Caroline Hayes on Drinking water supplies in Scotland and agreed to—

   - Write to Scottish Water seeking further information on water treatments, associated costs and decision making processes.
   - Hear from the Drinking Water Quality Regulator for Scotland at a later point in its work programme; and
   - Seek further briefings from SPICe on the international treatment of drinking water and the potential safety and health impacts of chloramination.

6. **Subordinate legislation (in private):** The Committee considered a draft report on the Community Right to Buy (Abandoned, Neglected or Detrimental Land) (Eligible Land, Regulators and Restrictions on Transfers and Dealing) (Scotland) Regulations 2018 [draft]. Various changes were agreed to, and the report was agreed for publication.

7. **Scottish Government Budget (in private):** The Committee agreed its approach to consideration of the Scottish Government Budget.

8. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee considered its work programme and agreed to—

   - Maintain a watching brief on the work programme of the EU on environment and climate change over the transition period and beyond; and
   - Write to the Scottish Government on engagement with the EU and non member states post Brexit.

9. **Scottish Government EU Roundtable on Environment and Climate Change (in private):** The Committee considered evidence heard earlier in the meeting and agreed to write to the Scottish Government.

The meeting closed at 12.26 pm.