ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE AND LAND REFORM COMMITTEE

MINUTES

27th Meeting, 2018 (Session 5)

Tuesday 2 October 2018

Present:

Claudia Beamish
Richard Lyle
Gillian Martin (Convener)
John Scott (Deputy Convener)

Finlay Carson
Angus MacDonald
Alex Rowley
Stewart Stevenson

Apologies were received from Mark Ruskell.

The meeting opened at 9.31 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private**: The Committee agreed to take items 3, 4 and 5 in private.

2. **Subordinate legislation**: The Committee took evidence on the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016 (Register of Persons Holding a Controlled Interest in Land) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 [draft] from—

   Jennifer Henderson, Keeper of the Registers of Scotland.

3. **Subordinate legislation**: The Committee considered evidence heard earlier in the meeting on the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016 (Register of Persons Holding a Controlled Interest in Land) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 [draft].

4. **Work programme**: The Committee considered its work programme and agreed:

   - Potential dates for additional meetings of the Committee;
   - Its approach to future consideration of consent notifications on UK Statutory Instruments;
   - To request a briefing from SPICe on sustainable kelp harvesting;
• To hear from the Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform on the approach to EU exit legislation and environmental governance in December;
• To maintain clerking contact with sister committees around the UK;
• To invite the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Michael Gove MP, to give evidence to the Committee;
• To explore issues around meeting the 2020 biodiversity targets and to consider its approach at a future meeting;
• To consider the issue of declining wild fish stocks at a future point in its work programme;
• Its approach to agreeing the focus of consideration of the forthcoming Wildlife Crime Annual Report; and
• Its response to the Scottish Government on guidance on Dog Training Aids.

5. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny:** The Committee considered a draft report on its Pre-Budget Scrutiny. Various changes were agreed to. The Committee delegated to the Convener responsibility for finalising the draft report for publication.

The meeting closed at 11.48 am.

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