ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE AND LAND REFORM COMMITTEE

MINUTES

29th Meeting, 2018 (Session 5)

Wednesday 24 October 2018

Present:

Finlay Carson  
Gillian Martin (Convener)  
John Scott (Deputy Convener)  
Angus MacDonald  
Mark Ruskell  
Stewart Stevenson

Apologies were received from Claudia Beamish, Richard Lyle and Alex Rowley.

The meeting opened at 10.02 am.

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

2. **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018**: The Committee considered a proposal by the Scottish Government to consent to the UK Government legislating using the powers under the Act in relation to the following UK statutory instrument proposals—The Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018 The Committee took evidence from—

   Mairi Gougeon, Minister for Rural Affairs and Natural Environment, Clare Hamilton, Deputy Director, Head of Decarbonisation, Alice Mitchell, Senior Policy Officer, Emissions Trading, CRC and F-gases, Consumers and Low Carbon Division, and Ross Loveridge, Head of EU Exit, Consumers and Low Carbon Division, Scottish Government.

3. **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (in private)**: The Committee considered evidence heard earlier in the meeting. The Committee agreed that it was content with the Scottish Government granting its consent to the UK Government proposals and agreed to write to the UK Government on that basis. It agreed to delegate to the Convener responsibility for finalising the letter.
The Committee also agreed to write to the Scottish Government and agreed to delegate to the Convener and Deputy Convener responsibility for finalising the letter.

The meeting closed at 11.04 am.

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