ENIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE AND LAND REFORM COMMITTEE

MINUTES

36th Meeting, 2018 (Session 5)
Tuesday 4 December 2018

Present:
Claudia Beamish
Angus MacDonald
Mark Ruskell
Stewart Stevenson

Finlay Carson
Gillian Martin (Convener)
John Scott (Deputy Convener)

The meeting opened at 9.51 am.

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take items 5 and 6 in private. The Committee will also agreed that any review of evidence heard in relation to EU exit and the environment and the EU (Withdrawal) Act 2018 should be taken in private at future meetings.

2. **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018:** The Committee took evidence on the Waste (Miscellaneous Amendments) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 from—

   Elspeth MacDonald, Environmental Quality & Circular Economy Division,
   and Emily Freeman, Directorate of Legal Services, Scottish Government.

3. **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018:** The Committee considered the following proposals 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 Persistent Organic Pollutants (EU Exit) Regulations 2018;
   The Control of Mercury (EU Exit) Regulations 2018;
   The Equine (Records, Identification and Movement) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018;
   The Animal Welfare (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018;
   The Fluorinated Greenhouse Gases and Ozone-Depleting Substances (EU Exit) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2018;
   The Nagoya Protocol (Compliance) (UK) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018;
The Committee agreed it was content for the Scottish Government to give its consent for UK Ministers to lay these regulations in the UK Parliament.

4. **EU exit and the environment**: The Committee took evidence from—

Roseanna Cunningham, Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform;

Fergus Ewing, Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy and Connectivity;

Katriona Carmichael, Deputy Director, Environment and Land Use Strategy, David Barnes, National Adviser for Agriculture, and Mike Palmer, Deputy Director, Marine Scotland, Scottish Government.

5. **EU exit and the environment (in private)**: The Committee reviewed the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

6. **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (in private)**: The Committee reviewed the evidence heard earlier in the meeting. The Committee then considered the following 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 proposal—


The Committee agreed it was content for the Scottish Government to give its consent for UK Ministers to lay this regulation in the UK Parliament.

The meeting closed at 12.28 pm.

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