



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE AND LAND REFORM COMMITTEE

MINUTES

2nd Meeting, 2019 (Session 5)

Tuesday 15 January 2019

Present:

Claudia Beamish
Angus MacDonald
Mark Ruskell
Stewart Stevenson

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

The meeting opened at 9.32 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take item 4 in private.
2. **Budget Scrutiny 2019-20:** The Committee took evidence on the Scottish Government's Budget 2019-20 from—

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

Keith Connal, Deputy Director, Natural Resources, Graham Black, Director, Marine Scotland, Clare Hamilton, Deputy Director, Decarbonisation, and Richard Murray, Acting Deputy Director, Rural and Environment Science and Analytical Services, Scottish Government;

Derek Mackay, Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work;

Simon Fuller, Deputy Director, Economic Analysis, Office of the Chief Economic Adviser, Rachel Gwyon, Deputy Director, Infrastructure & Investment, and Clare Hamilton, Deputy Director, Decarbonisation, Scottish Government.

John Scott declared an interest as a farmer and land owner.

Stewart Stevenson declared an interest as Honorary Vice-President of Railfuture UK.

3. **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 proposal—

The Chemicals (Health and Safety) and Genetically Modified Organisms (Amendment of Retained EU Law) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018.

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.

4. **Biodiversity approach (in private):** The Committee agreed its approach to its work on biodiversity. The Committee also agreed that any future consideration of this topic should take place in private.
5. **Budget Scrutiny 2019-20 (in private):** The Committee reviewed the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
6. **Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee continued its consideration of a draft report.

The meeting closed at 12.38 pm.

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