The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

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

2. **Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee took evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—

   Teresa Anderson, Policy and Communications Officer on Climate and Resilience, Action Aid International;

   Jim Densham, Senior Land Use Policy Officer, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds on behalf of Scottish Environment LiNK;

   Gina Hanrahan, Head of Policy, WWF Scotland;

   Professor Tahseen Jafry, Director, Centre for Climate Justice;

   Alan Munro, Member, Young Friends of the Earth Scotland;

   Siri Pantzar, Policy Operational Volunteer, 2050 Climate Group;

   Caroline Rance, Climate Campaigner, Friends of the Earth Scotland;
and then from—

Dr Diana Casey, Senior Advisor, Energy and Climate Change, Mineral Products Association;

Professor Paul Jowitt, Heriot Watt University;

Elizabeth Leighton, Director, Existing Homes Alliance Scotland;

Fabrice Leveque, Senior Policy Manager, Scottish Renewables;

Will Webster, Energy Policy Manager, Oil and Gas UK.

John Scott declared an interest as a farmer.

Richard Lyle indicated an interest due to having a relative employed by the oil and gas industry.

3. Biodiversity funding and implementation inquiry (in private): The Committee agreed its approach.

4. Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill (in private): The Committee considered the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

The meeting closed at 12.46 pm.

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