



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

HEALTH AND SPORT COMMITTEE

MINUTES

26th Meeting, 2018 (Session 5)

Tuesday 23 October 2018

Present:

Miles Briggs	Keith Brown
Alex Cole-Hamilton	Emma Harper (Deputy Convener)
Lewis Macdonald (Convener)	David Stewart
David Torrance	Sandra White
Brian Whittle	

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny (in private):** The Committee considered and agreed a draft report on its Pre-Budget Scrutiny.
2. **Human Tissue (Authorisation) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee received an informal background briefing to inform their scrutiny of the Human Tissue (Authorisation) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1.
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 proposals—

The Human Tissue (Quality and Safety for Human Application) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations,
The Quality and Safety of Organs Intended for Transplantation (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations, and
The Blood Safety and Quality (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations.

The Committee agreed that clarification would be sought by Members from the UK Government.

4. **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 General Food Law (EU Exit) Regulations 2018;
The General Foodstuffs Hygiene (EU Exit) Regulations 2018;
The Specific Foodstuffs (Hygiene) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018;
The Contaminants in Food (EU Exit) Regulations 2018; and
The Quick-Frozen Food (EU Exit) Regulations 2018

The Committee agreed it was unable to consider the instrument proposals on a restricted timetable. The Committee agreed to seek further clarification in relation to the possible implications of the recent BSE case in Aberdeenshire in relation to the safety and transferability of food stuffs and whether there is any impact on these proposed regulations.

5. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny (in private):** This item was not considered given the conclusion at Agenda item 1 above.
6. **Preventative Agenda (in private):** The Committee agreed to consider a draft report at its next meeting.

The meeting closed at 1.00 pm.

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