



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

HEALTH AND SPORT COMMITTEE

MINUTES

31st Meeting, 2018 (Session 5)

Tuesday 27 November 2018

Present:

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

Apologies were received from Alex Cole-Hamilton.

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Human Tissue (Authorisation) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee took evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—

Professor Alison Britton, Convenor to the Society's Health and Medical Law Committee, the Law Society of Scotland;

Dr Emily Postan, Early Career Fellow in Bioethics and Deputy Director, Mason Institute for Medicine, Life Sciences and the Law, The University of Edinburgh;

Dr Calum MacKellar, Director of Research, the Scottish Council on Human Bioethics;

and then from—

Joe FitzPatrick, Minister for Public Health, Sport and Wellbeing, Claire Tosh, Bill Team, Fern Morris, Bill Team, and Stephanie Virlogeux, Legal Directorate, Scottish Government.

Emma Harper made a declaration of interest, the full details of which can be viewed in the Official Report of the meeting.

2. **Public petitions:** The Committee considered the following petition- PE1477 by Jamie Rae on behalf of the Throat Cancer Foundation on the gender neutral Human Papillomavirus vaccination and agreed, following the Scottish Government's announcement it will implement a HPV vaccination programme for boys, to close the petition.
3. **Human Tissue (Authorisation) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee considered the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
4. **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (in private):** 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 Food and Feed Imports (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018;
The Materials and Articles in Contact with Food (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018;
The Sprouts and Seeds (EU Exit) Regulations 2018;
The Animal Feed (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018;
The Food Additives, Flavourings, Enzymes and Extraction Solvents (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018.

The Committee agreed to write to the Scottish Government to confirm it is content the Scottish Government give consent to UK Ministers making regulations on its behalf in relation to the above.

5. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee considered its work programme and agreed to write to NHS boards, the Director General for Health and Social Care and Chief Executive of NHSScotland and the Department for Work and Pensions in anticipation of a Legislative Consent Memorandum in respect of the UK Healthcare (International Arrangements) Bill.

The meeting closed at 12.25 pm.

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