



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

RURAL ECONOMY AND CONNECTIVITY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

4th Meeting, 2019 (Session 5)

Wednesday 30 January 2019

Present:

Peter Chapman

Jamie Greene

John Mason

Gail Ross (Deputy Convener)

Colin Smyth

Maureen Watt

John Finnie

Richard Lyle

Edward Mountain (Convener)

Mike Rumbles

Stewart Stevenson

The meeting opened at 9.00 am.

1. **Transport (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee considered a draft Stage 1 report.
2. **South of Scotland Enterprise Bill:** The Committee took evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—

Fergus Ewing, Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy, Sandra Reid, Bill Team Leader, Karen Jackson, South of Scotland Economic Development Team, Team Leader, and Felicity Cullen, Scottish Government Legal Directorate, Scottish Government.

3. **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018:** The Committee considered 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 Regulation (EC) No 1370/2007 (Public Service Obligations in Transport) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019;

The Agriculture (Transfer of Functions) (EU Exit) (No 2) Regulations 2018;

The Common Agricultural Policy (Financing, Management and Monitoring) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019;

The Common Agricultural Policy (Financing, Management and Monitoring Supplementary Provisions) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019; and

The Common Fisheries Policy (Transfer of Functions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019.

and agreed to write to the Scottish Government to confirm it is content for consent to be given in each case. The Committee also agreed to request a response from the Scottish Government on certain wider policy matters identified in relation to these instruments which may require to be addressed in future.

Edward Mountain declared an interest as a farmer.

4. **South of Scotland Enterprise Bill (in private):** The Committee reviewed the evidence it has heard on the South of Scotland Enterprise Bill at item 2.

The meeting closed at 12.24 pm.

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