



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

RURAL ECONOMY AND CONNECTIVITY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

7th Meeting, 2019 (Session 5)

Wednesday 27 February 2019

Present:

Peter Chapman

Richard Lyle

Edward Mountain (Convener)

Mike Rumbles

Colin Smyth

Maureen Watt

John Finnie

John Mason

Gail Ross (Deputy Convener)

John Scott (Committee Substitute)

Stewart Stevenson

Apologies were received from Jamie Greene.

The meeting opened at 9.00 am.

1. **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018:** The Committee considered whether the following instruments have been laid under the appropriate procedure—

The Aquatic Animal Health and Alien Species in Aquaculture (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2019;

The Fertilisers and Pesticides (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Miscellaneous Amendments etc.) Regulations 2019;

Fisheries (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2019; and

The Animal Welfare (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2019.

The Committee agreed that the instruments had been laid under the appropriate procedure.

John Scott declared interests as a partner in a farming business, a member of the National Farmers Union of Scotland, founder member of the Scottish Association of farmers markets.

Edward Mountain declared an interest as a partner in a farming business.

Peter Chapman declared an interest as a partner in a farming business.

Stewart Stevenson declared an interest as an owner of a small agricultural holding.

2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee considered the following negative instruments—

The Aquatic Animal Health and Alien Species in Aquaculture (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/9);

The Fertilisers and Pesticides (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Miscellaneous Amendments etc.) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/25);

Fisheries (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/24);

The Animal Welfare (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/34); and

The Plant Health (Import Inspection Fees) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/28).

The Committee agreed to make no recommendations in relation to the instruments.

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 Animal Health, Plant Health and Seed Marketing (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019; and

The Food and Farming (Miscellaneous Amendments) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019.

The Committee agreed to write to the Scottish Government to confirm it is content for consent to be given in each case.

4. **South of Scotland Enterprise Bill (in private):** The Committee considered a draft Stage 1 report. The Committee delegated to the Convener and Deputy Convener responsibility for finalising the draft report for publication.
5. **Transport (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee considered a draft Stage 1 report. The Committee delegated to the Convener and Deputy Convener responsibility for finalising the draft report for publication.

The meeting closed at 11.10 am.

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