RURAL ECONOMY AND CONNECTIVITY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

15th Meeting, 2018 (Session 5)

Wednesday 16 May 2018

Present:

Peter Chapman          John Finnie
Kate Forbes            Jamie Greene
Richard Lyle           John Mason
Edward Mountain (Convener) Gail Ross (Deputy Convener)
Mike Rumbles           Colin Smyth
Stewart Stevenson

Also present: Murdo Fraser

The meeting opened at 10.34 am.

1. **Transport update:** The Committee took evidence from—

    Humza Yousaf, Minister for Transport and the Islands, Bill Reeve, Director of Rail, Margaret Horn, Head of Ferries Policy and Contract Management, Joanne Boyle, Head of Sustainable and Active Transport Team, and Gary Cox, Head of Aviation at Transport Scotland, Scottish Government.

Stewart Stevenson declared interests as Honorary Vice President of Rail Future UK and as Honorary Vice President of the Scottish Association for Public Transport.

John Finnie declared interests as a member of the Scottish Parliament's Cross Party Group on Rail and the National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers (RMT) Parliamentary Group.

Gail Ross declared an interest as Honorary Vice President of the Friends of the Far North Line.

John Mason declared an interest as Co-Convener of the Scottish Parliament's Cross Party Group on Rail.
2. **Parking (Code of Practice) Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee considered the legislative consent memorandum lodged by the Cabinet Secretary for Rural Economy and Connectivity (LCM(S5)13) and took evidence from—

Humza Yousaf, Minister for Transport and the Islands, George Henry, Head of Road Policy, Anne Cairns, Solicitor for Transport Scotland, and Sharon Wood, Senior Road Policy Officer, Scottish Government.

The Committee agreed to recommend to the Parliament that it approves the content of the LCM and agrees the motion as drafted by the Cabinet Secretary.

The meeting closed at 12.29 pm.

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