



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

RURAL ECONOMY AND CONNECTIVITY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

30th Meeting, 2018 (Session 5)

Wednesday 21 November 2018

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 10.00 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take item 4 in private.
2. **Transport (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee took evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—

Michael Matheson, Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity, Pete Grant, Bus Policy Team Leader, Gordon Hanning, Head of Integrated Ticketing Unit, Stephen Thomson, Head of Air Quality, George Henry, Parking Policy Manager, Kat Quane, Road Works Policy Officer, Joanne Gray, Policy Manager on Regional Transport Partnerships, Brian Spence, Canals Policy Officer, Kevin Gibson, Solicitor, Debbie Blair, Solicitor, Anne Cairns, Solicitor, and Magdalene Boyd, Solicitor, 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.

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 Plant Protection Products (Miscellaneous Amendments) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019;

The Pesticides (Maximum Residue Levels) etc. (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019;

The Pesticides (Miscellaneous Amendments) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019;

The Fertilisers and Ammonium Nitrate Material (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018;

Animal By-Products and Control and Eradication of Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies (UK) (EU Exit) (Miscellaneous Amendments) 2018;

The Livestock (Records, Identification and Movement) (EU Exit) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2018;

The Animal Welfare (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018;

Organic Products (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018;

Intelligent Transport Systems (EU) Exit Regulations 2018.

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

Edward Mountain declared an interest as a farmer.

Peter Chapman declared an interest as a farmer.

4. **Transport (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee reviewed the evidence it has heard on the Transport (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1.

The meeting closed at 12.34 pm.

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