RURAL ECONOMY AND CONNECTIVITY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

21st Meeting, 2019 (Session 5)

Wednesday 19 June 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

Also present: Michelle Ballantyne, Miles Briggs, Maurice Corry, Liam Kerr, Tom Mason and Pauline McNeil (for item 4).

The meeting opened at 8.01 am.

1. **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018:** The Committee agreed that the following instruments had been laid under the appropriate procedure—

   The Marketing of Horticultural Produce and Bananas (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2019

   Seed and Propagating Material (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2019.

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

   The Marketing of Horticultural Produce and Bananas (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/169)

   Seed and Propagating Material (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/190)

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 proposal-

   Pesticides (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019.

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

4. **Transport (Scotland) Bill**: The Committee considered the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 3).

   The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 145, 147, 149, 151, 152, 154, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 162, 15 and 16.

   The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—
   
   7 (For 6, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
   8 (For 6, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
   9 (For 6, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
   10 (For 6, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
   11 (For 6, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
   12 (For 6, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
   13 (For 6, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
   14 (For 6, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
   17 (For 7, Against 4, Abstentions 0)
   18 (For 7, Against 4, Abstentions 0)
   19 (For 7, Against 4, Abstentions 0)
   20 (For 7, Against 4, Abstentions 0)
   21 (For 7, Against 4, Abstentions 0)
   22 (For 7, Against 4, Abstentions 0)
   23 (For 7, Against 4, Abstentions 0)
   24 (For 7, Against 4, Abstentions 0)
   25 (For 7, Against 4, Abstentions 0)
   26 (For 7, Against 4, Abstentions 0)

   The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—
   
   311 (For 5, Against 6, Abstentions 0)
   7D (For 5, Against 6, Abstentions 0)
   7B (For 5, Against 6, Abstentions 0)
   7C (For 4, Against 6, Abstentions 1)
   9B (For 4, Against 7, Abstentions 0)
   10A (For 4, Against 7, Abstentions 0)
   15A (For 5, Against 6, Abstentions 0)
   15B (For 4, Against 6, Abstentions 1)
   16N (For 4, Against 6, Abstentions 1)
   16A (For 4, Against 7, Abstentions 0)
   16C (For 5, Against 6, Abstentions 0)
   16X (For 5, Against 6, Abstentions 0)
   16Y (For 5, Against 6, Abstentions 0)
The following amendments were moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn: 310, 217, 163 and 7A.


The following provisions were agreed to without amendment: sections 49, 53, 54, and 56.

The following provisions were agreed to as amended: sections 48, 50, 51, 52, 55, 57 and 58.

The Committee ended consideration of the Bill for the day amendment, 318 having been disposed of.

Tom Mason declared an interest as a Councillor on Aberdeen City Council.
The meeting closed at 12.35 pm.

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