



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

RURAL ECONOMY AND CONNECTIVITY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

24th Meeting, 2019 (Session 5)

Wednesday 11 September 2019

Present:

Peter Chapman	John Finnie
Jamie Greene	Emma Harper
Richard Lyle	Angus MacDonald
Edward Mountain (Convener)	Mike Rumbles
Colin Smyth	Stewart Stevenson
Maureen Watt (Deputy Convener)	

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee considered the following negative instrument—

The Plant Health (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Order 2019.

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

2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee took evidence on the Additional Powers Request (Scotland) Regulations 2019 [draft] from—

Paul Wheelhouse, Minister for Energy, Connectivity and the Islands, Jessica McPherson, Head of Local Government Policy and Relationships, and Stuart Johnson, Local Government Policy Officer, Scottish Government.

3. **Subordinate legislation:** Paul Wheelhouse (Minister for Energy, Connectivity and the Islands) moved—

S5M-18217—That the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee recommends that the Additional Powers Request (Scotland) Regulations 2019 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to.

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

Michael Matheson, Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity, Paul Wheelhouse, Minister for Energy, Connectivity and the Islands, Michelle Rennie, Director of Major Projects, Heather Cowan, Head of Strategy and Integration, Bill Reeve, Director of Rail, and Chris Wilcock, Director of Aviation, Maritime, Freight and Canals, Scottish Government.

John Finnie declared an interest as as member of the National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers (RMT) Parliamentary Group.

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

5. **Transport update (in private):** The Committee reviewed the evidence heard during the meeting.

The meeting closed at 12.43 pm.

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