RURAL ECONOMY AND CONNECTIVITY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

20th Meeting, 2019 (Session 5)

Wednesday 12 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: Jackie Baillie, Jeremey Balfour, Claudia Beamish, Neil Bibby, Rachael Hamilton, Pauline McNeil, Mark Ruskell, Graham Simpson, Sandra White and Brian Whittle (for item 2).

The meeting opened at 8.09 am.

1. **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 Common Organisation of the Markets in Agricultural Products and Common Agricultural Policy (Miscellaneous Amendments, etc.) (EU Exit) (No.2) Regulations 2019;

   The Agricultural Products, Food and Drink (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019;

   Plant Health and Veterinary Surgeons (Amendment etc.) (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.
2. **Transport (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee considered the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 2).

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 59, 61, 62, 208, 64, 210, 65, 68, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 233, 95, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 243, 103, 104, 105, 106, 108, 112, 113, 114, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 140, 141, 142, and 144.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—
- 63 (For 8, Against 3, Abstentions 0)
- 207 (For 10, Against 1, Abstentions 0)
- 211 (For 10, Against 1, Abstentions 0)
- 67 (For 6, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
- 286 (For 6, Against 5, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—
- 60 (For 2, Against 8, Abstentions 1)
- 205 (For 3, Against 8, Abstentions 0)
- 206 (For 2, Against 9, Abstentions 0)
- 227 (For 4, Against 7, Abstentions 0)
- 66 (For 5, Against 6, Abstentions 0)
- 230 (For 5, Against 6, Abstentions 0)
- 69 (For 2, Against 9, Abstentions 0)
- 70 (For 2, Against 9, Abstentions 0)
- 71 (For 5, Against 6, Abstentions 0)
- 72 (For 2, Against 9, Abstentions 0)
- 231 (For 4, Against 7, Abstentions 0)
- 83 (For 5, Against 6, Abstentions 0)
- 84 (For 2, Against 9, Abstentions 0)
- 85 (For 2, Against 9, Abstentions 0)
- 86 (For 2, Against 9, Abstentions 0)
- 87 (For 2, Against 9, Abstentions 0)
- 88 (For 2, Against 9, Abstentions 0)
- 89 (For 2, Against 9, Abstentions 0)
- 90 (For 2, Against 9, Abstentions 0)
- 91 (For 5, Against 6, Abstentions 0)
- 92 (For 2, Against 9, Abstentions 0)
- 93 (For 2, Against 9, Abstentions 0)
- 94 (For 2, Against 9, Abstentions 0)
- 237 (For 2, Against 9, Abstentions 0)
- 238 (For 2, Against 9, Abstentions 0)
- 96 (For 2, Against 9, Abstentions 0)
- 215 (For 4, Against 7, Abstentions 0)
- 241 (For 5, Against 6, Abstentions 0)
- 242 (For 2, Against 9, Abstentions 0)
- 102 (For 5, Against 6, Abstentions 0)
- 107 (For 5, Against 6, Abstentions 0)
- 246 (For 2, Against 9, Abstentions 0)
- 247 (For 2, Against 9, Abstentions 0)
- 110 (For 2, Against 8, Abstentions 1)
- 248A (For 3, Against 8, Abstentions 0)
The following amendments were moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn: 204, 228, 229, 281, 232, 234, 213, 244, 115 and 4.

Amendment 39 was pre-empted.

The following amendments were not moved: 209, 212, 79A, 282, 80A, 82, 235, 236, 214, 239, 240, 245, 109 (and, as a consequence, 109A and 109B), 249, 250 (and, as a consequence, 250A and 250B), 258, 251, 283, 1,116 (and, as a consequence, 116A), 287, 288, 289, 292, 293, 294, 295, 118, 119, 296, 297, 120, 121, 298, 300, 301, 302, 129, 304, 305, 306, 307, 139 (and, as a consequence, 139A and 139B), 308, 309 and 143.

The following provisions were agreed to without amendment: sections 16, 17, 20, 22, 25, 26, 27, 30, 35, 36, 38, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, and 46.

The following provisions were agreed to as amended: sections 15, 18, 19, 21, 23, 24, 28, 29, 31, 32, 33, 34, 37, 39 and 47.

The Committee ended consideration of the Bill for the day, amendment 144 having been disposed of.

The Committee suspended at 12:53pm and resumed at 6:05pm. The meeting closed at 8.54 pm.