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21st Meeting 2017, Session 5

CONVENER

*Graeme Dey (Angus South) (SNP)

DEPUTY CONVENER

*John Scott (Ayr) (Con)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- *Claudia Beamish (South Scotland) (Lab)
- *Donald Cameron (Highlands and Islands) (Con)
- *Finlay Carson (Galloway and West Dumfries) (Con)
- *Kate Forbes (Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch) (SNP)
- *Emma Harper (South Scotland) (SNP)
- *Richard Lyle (Uddingston and Bellshill) (SNP)
- *Angus MacDonald (Falkirk East) (SNP)
- *Mark Ruskell (Mid Scotland and Fife) (Green)
- *David Stewart (Highlands and Islands) (Lab)

*attended

CLERK TO THE COMMITTEE

Lynn Tullis

LOCATION

The Robert Burns Room (CR1)

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[The Convener opened the meeting at 10:00]

Interests

The Convener (Graeme Dey): Good morning and welcome to the 21st meeting in 2017 of the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee. I remind everyone present to switch off mobile phones and other electronic devices as they may affect the broadcasting system.

I welcome John Scott and Donald Cameron to their first meeting of the committee and invite them to declare any interests they have that are relevant to the work of the committee.

John Scott (Ayr) (Con): I refer to my entry in the register of members' interests. I am a farmer, a landowner, a fellow of the Royal Agricultural Societies, an honorary member of the British Veterinary Association, a member of NFU Scotland and one of the founders of the farmers market movement in Scotland.

Donald Cameron (Highlands and Islands) (Con): I, too, refer to my entry in the register of members' interests, which was lodged on 9 June last year. I am a landowner—I own Achnacarry estate, which is a landholding in the Highland local authority area. The estate supports a commercial, forestry and agricultural business, the full details of which are in my register of interests.

The Convener: I take this opportunity to thank Maurice Golden and Alexander Burnett for their contribution to the committee over the past year, which was very valued.

Deputy Convener

10:02

The Convener: Agenda item 2 is to choose a deputy convener of the committee. The Parliament has agreed that only members of the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party are eligible for nomination. I invite a member of that party to nominate one of their number for the post.

Finlay Carson (Galloway and West Dumfries) (Con): I nominate John Scott.

John Scott was chosen as deputy convener.

The Convener: Congratulations, Mr Scott.

At its next meeting on 12 September, the committee will take evidence from the Water Industry Commission for Scotland.

10:02

Meeting continued in private until 12:31.

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