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HEALTH AND COMMUNITY CARE COMMITTEE

7th Meeting 2002, Session 1

CONVENER

*Mrs Margaret Smith (Edinburgh West) (LD)

DEPUTY CONVENER

Margaret Jamieson (Kilmarnock and Loudoun) (Lab)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

*Bill Butler (Glasgow Anniesland) (Lab)
*Dorothy-Grace Elder (Glasgow) (SNP)
*Janis Hughes (Glasgow Rutherglen) (Lab)
*Mr John McAllion (Dundee East) (Lab)
*Shona Robison (North-East Scotland) (SNP)
*Mary Scanlon (Highlands and Islands) (Con)
Nicola Sturgeon (Glasgow) (SNP)

*attended

THE FOLLOWING ALSO ATTENDED:

Mrs Mary Mulligan (Deputy Minister for Health and Community Care)

CLERK TO THE COMMITTEE

Jennifer Smart

SENIOR ASSISTANT CLERK

Peter McGrath

ASSISTANT CLERK

Michelle McLean

LOCATION

Committee Room 1

Scottish Parliament

Health and Community Care Committee

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(Morning)

[THE CONVENER *opened the meeting at 10:15*]

The Convener (Mrs Margaret Smith): Good morning everybody, and welcome to this morning's meeting of the Health and Community Care Committee. We have received apologies from Margaret Jamieson and Nicola Sturgeon. I believe that other members are stuck on trains, but they might appear at any time.

Items in Private

The Convener: I suggest to the committee that the following items be considered in private: item 4, which is a draft report on a petition on fuel poverty; item 5, which is a reporter's draft report, arising from a petition on how the general agreement on trade in services would affect the health service in Scotland; and item 6, which is consideration of our forward work plan, in which we might discuss individuals and possible options. Do members agree to discuss items 4, 5 and 6 in private?

Members *indicated agreement.*

Debate (Time Limit)

The Convener: Item 2 is on the time limit for a debate on the two emergency Scottish statutory instruments in item 3. No members have indicated that they want to hold a debate.

Subordinate Legislation

Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (West Coast) (No 2) (Scotland) Order 2002 (SSI 2002/65)

Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (West Coast) (No 3) (Scotland) Order 2002 (SSI 2002/80)

The Convener: The Deputy Minister for Health and Community Care, Mrs Mary Mulligan, is present. Good morning, minister.

The Deputy Minister for Health and Community Care (Mrs Mary Mulligan): Good morning.

The Convener: The Subordinate Legislation Committee has nothing to report on the orders and no comments have been received from members. I ask the minister to speak to and move the motions.

Mrs Mulligan: Thank you, convener. The instruments are emergency orders that will ban collection of king scallops—because they contain more than the statutory amnesic shellfish poison limit—from an area to the east and an area to the west of Lewis, in the outer Hebrides. The orders have been triggered by the finding of amnesic shellfish poison above the action levels that were set by Europe. The measure is for consumer safety. As members will know, the poison can cause illness in humans.

I move,

That the Health and Community Care Committee, in consideration of the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (West Coast) (No 2) (Scotland) Order 2002 (SSI 2002/65), recommends that the order be approved.

That the Health and Community Care Committee in consideration of the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (West Coast) (No 3) (Scotland) Order 2002 (SSI 2002/80) recommends that the order be approved.

Motions agreed to.

The Convener: That completes the public part of the meeting.

10:18

Meeting continued in private until 11:07.

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