

HEALTH COMMITTEE

Tuesday 11 November 2003
(*Afternoon*)

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HEALTH COMMITTEE **12th Meeting 2003, Session 2**

CONVENER

*Christine Grahame (South of Scotland) (SNP)

DEPUTY CONVENER

*Janis Hughes (Glasgow Rutherglen) (Lab)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

*Mr David Davidson (North East Scotland) (Con)
*Helen Eadie (Dunfermline East) (Lab)
*Kate Maclean (Dundee West) (Lab)
*Mr Duncan McNeil (Greenock and Inverclyde) (Lab)
*Shona Robison (Dundee East) (SNP)
*Mike Rumbles (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine) (LD)
*Dr Jean Turner (Strathkelvin and Bearsden) (Ind)

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTES

Robert Brown (Glasgow) (LD)
Paul Martin (Glasgow Springburn) (Lab)
Mrs Nanette Milne (North East Scotland) (Con)
Ms Sandra White (Glasgow) (SNP)

*attended

THE FOLLOWING ALSO ATTENDED:

Mr Tom McCabe (Deputy Minister for Health and Community Care)

CLERK TO THE COMMITTEE

Jennifer Smart

SENIOR ASSISTANT CLERK

Graeme Elliot

ASSISTANT CLERK

Hannah Reeve

LOCATION

Committee Room 3

Scottish Parliament

Health Committee

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[THE CONVENER *opened the meeting at 14:04*]

Item in Private

The Convener (Christine Grahame): I open the 12th meeting in session 2 of the Health Committee. I welcome Tom McCabe, the Deputy Minister for Health and Community Care and Chester Wood, from the Food Standards Agency.

Item 1 on the agenda is consideration of whether the committee agrees to take item 4 in private, for the following reasons. It is a discussion of our work programme; it requires to be prioritised and individuals may be discussed. Once the committee has agreed its priorities, any item can be discussed in public at the next or later meetings if the committee is agreeable. It is fully intended that the committee's agreed work programme will be a public document. Do I have the committee's agreement to take item 4 in private?

Members *indicated agreement.*

14:06

Subordinate Legislation

Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (Orkney) (No 4) (Scotland) Order 2003 (SSI 2003/501) (Draft)

The Convener: The next item on the agenda is a Scottish statutory instrument, SSI 2003/501, which is an affirmative instrument regarding amnesic shellfish poisoning. No members' comments have been received on the instrument and the Subordinate Legislation Committee has made no comments on it. Does any member want to debate the instrument?

Members: No.

The Convener: Does any member want to seek clarification on any point? That is different from having a debate.

Members: No.

The Convener: I ask the minister to move motion S2M-550.

Motion moved,

That the Health Committee recommends that the Draft Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (Orkney) (No 4) (Scotland) Order 2003 (SSI 2003/501) be approved.—[*Mr Tom McCabe.*]

The Convener: The question is, that motion S2M-550 be agreed to. Are we agreed?

Members: No.

The Convener: There will be a division.

FOR

Eadie, Helen (Dunfermline East) (Lab)
Hughes, Janis (Glasgow Rutherglen) (Lab)
Maclean, Kate (Dundee West) (Lab)
McNeil, Mr Duncan (Greenock and Inverclyde) (Lab)
Rumbles, Mike (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine) (LD)
Turner, Dr Jean (Strathkelvin and Bearsden) (Ind)

ABSTENTIONS

Grahame, Christine (South of Scotland) (SNP)
Robison, Shona (Dundee East) (SNP)

The Convener: The result of the division is: For 6, Against 0, Abstentions 2.

Motion agreed to.

That the Health Committee recommends that the Draft Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (Orkney) (No 4) (Scotland) Order 2003 (SSI 2003/501) be approved.

The Convener: Thank you very much, minister.

The Deputy Minister for Health and Community Care (Mr Tom McCabe): It was a pleasure.

**National Health Service
(Travelling Expenses and Remission of
Charges) (Scotland) (No 2)
Regulations 2003 (SSI 2003/460)**

**Collagen and Gelatine
(Intra-Community Trade) (Scotland)
Revocation Regulations 2003
(SSI 2003/466)**

**Feeding Stuffs (Scotland) Amendment
(No 3) Regulations 2003 (SSI 2003/474)**

The Convener: Item 3 on the agenda is three negative instruments: SSI 2003/460; SSI 2003/466; and SSI 2003/474. The Subordinate Legislation Committee has made no comments on SSI 2003/466, but it has commented on SSI 2003/460 and SSI 2003/474. The comments are in committee paper HC/S2/03/12/1. No members' comments have been received and no motions to annul have been lodged in relation to the instruments. Is the committee agreed that it does not wish to make any recommendation in relation to the instruments?

Members *indicated agreement.*

The Convener: Thank you. As agreed at the beginning of the meeting, we will now move into private session to discuss item 4 on the agenda. I ask members of the public and the press to leave the room.

14:08

Meeting continued in private until 15:24.

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