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DELEGATED POWERS AND LAW REFORM COMMITTEE
36th Meeting 2025, Session 6

CONVENER

*Stuart McMillan (Greenock and Inverclyde) (SNP)

DEPUTY CONVENER

*Bill Kidd (Glasgow Anniesland) (SNP)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

*Jeremy Balfour (Lothian) (Ind)
*Katy Clark (West Scotland) (Lab)
*Roz McCall (Mid Scotland and Fife) (Con)

*attended

CLERK TO THE COMMITTEE

Greg Black

LOCATION

The Adam Smith Room (CR5)

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[The Convener opened the meeting at 10:00]

Decision on Taking Business in Private

The Convener (Stuart McMillan): Good morning, and welcome to the 36th meeting in 2025 of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee. I remind everyone to switch off, or put to silent, mobile phones and other electronic devices. Agenda item 1 is a decision on taking business in private. Is the committee content to take item 5 in private?

Members *indicated agreement.*

Instruments subject to Affirmative Procedure

10:00

The Convener: Under agenda item 2, we are considering four instruments, on which no points have been raised.

Hydrolysis (Scotland) (No 1) Regulations 2026 [Draft]

Hydrolysis (Scotland) (No 2) Regulations 2026 [Draft]

National Bus Travel Concession Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2026 [Draft]

Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Investment Zones Relief) (Scotland) Order 2026 [Draft]

The Convener: Is the committee content that no reporting grounds are engaged?

Members *indicated agreement.*

The Convener: In the Scottish statutory instrument report on the draft Hydrolysis (Scotland) (No 2) Regulations 2026, does the committee wish to mention that the minor formatting issues in the Burial and Cremation (Applications and Registers) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/360) that the committee identified last week arise also in some of the forms in this draft instrument?

Members *indicated agreement.*

Instruments subject to Negative Procedure

10:01

The Convener: Under agenda item 3, we are considering two instruments, on which no issues have been raised.

Education (Scotland) Act 2025 (Consequential Provisions) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/385)

Common Services Agency (Membership and Procedure) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/387)

The Convener: Is the committee content that no reporting grounds are engaged?

Members *indicated agreement.*

Instruments not subject to Parliamentary Procedure

10:01

The Convener: Under agenda item 4, we are considering three instruments, on which no issues have been raised.

Aggregates Tax and Devolved Taxes Administration (Scotland) Act 2024 (Commencement No 3) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/386 (C 30))

Care Reform (Scotland) Act 2025 (Commencement No 1) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/388 (C 31))

Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Act 2025 (Commencement No 1 and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/393 (C 32))

The Convener: Is the committee content that no reporting grounds are engaged?

Members *indicated agreement.*

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

10:01

Meeting continued in private until 10:02.

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