

# **SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

Tuesday 5 October 1999  
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## SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

### 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting

#### CONVENER :

\*Mr Kenny MacAskill (Lothians) (SNP)

#### COMMITTEE MEMBERS :

\*Fergus Ewing (Inverness East, Nairn and Lochaber) (SNP)

\*Trish Godman (West Renfrewshire) (Lab)

\*Ian Jenkins (Tweeddale, Ettrick and Lauderdale) (LD)

\*Bristow Muldoon (Livingston) (Lab)

David Mundell (South of Scotland) (Con)

\*Ian Welsh (Ayr) (Lab)

\*attended

#### COMMITTEE CLERK:

Alasdair Rankin

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Claire Menzies

Anne Peat



## Scottish Parliament

### Subordinate Legislation Committee

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[THE CONVENER *opened the meeting at 11:17*]

### National Health Service Regulations (Executive Response)

**The Convener (Mr Kenny MacAskill):** We have two agendas, including a supplementary agenda that we will deal with first, as it concerns the Executive's response to the national health service regulations on which we commented last week. We have had the benefit of information on those regulations. Do committee members have any comments that they would like to make? A fairly comprehensive reply has been given in response to our worries about the continued amendments to those regulations and the consideration of consolidation.

**Bristow Muldoon (Livingston) (Lab):** The response that we have received from the Executive is quite a full one that addresses the various points that the committee raised. I take on board the questions of cost and practicality that the Executive raises, but I note that it has given us a timetable according to which it intends to issue full consolidations of some of the regulations. In cases where no such plans are provided, we have been given reasonable explanations of why that is so; for example, because further amendments are expected in the next few months. We should note that the Executive's is a full and acceptable response.

**Fergus Ewing (Inverness East, Nairn and Lochaber) (SNP):** The Executive seems to be learning.

**The Convener:** We should express our gratitude that the Executive has taken the time to explain matters and that it appears to be working to an agenda. Its response has some basis in fact and explains why it must deal with matters as it does at the moment.

That brings us to the affirmative instruments.

### Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (West Coast) (No 3) (Scotland) Order 1999 (SSI 1999/71)

**The Convener:** There appears to have been a proliferation of issues surrounding the first item on the agenda, but nothing untoward has been drawn to our attention. Does anybody have any comments? Are we happy simply to note the position? Members are agreed.

### Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (East Coast) (No 2) (Scotland) Order 1999 (SSI 1999/72)

**The Convener:** Do we note the same position on the second item on the agenda? Members are agreed.

### Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (Orkney) (No 3) (Scotland) Order 1999 (SSI 1999/73)

**The Convener:** Again, do we simply note matters concerning the third item on the agenda? Members are agreed.

That brings our public meeting to a world-record swift conclusion. I thank everyone for attending. We will now have our informal briefing with representatives from the Scottish Parliament information centre and others on access to legal information and documentation.

*Meeting closed at 11:20.*



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