

SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

Tuesday 14 December 1999
(Morning)

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SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

14th 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

ASSISTANT CLERKS:

Claire Menzies

Anne Peat

Scottish Parliament

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

The Convener (Mr Kenny MacAskill): Good morning. We are quorate—despite the inclement weather.

Act of Sederunt (Fees of Solicitors in the Sheriff Court) (Amendment) 1999 (SSI 1999/149)

The Convener: We have a short agenda today. We begin with the Executive's responses on statutory instruments. We had raised various matters with regard to SSI 1999/149, and we have received a response that appears to indicate that the Executive may have got this wrong but that that will make no discernible difference. It appears that the Executive has recognised its error; I hope that that error will not be repeated. It is suggested that we highlight the need for care, rather than draw the instrument to the attention of Parliament. Is that agreed?

Members: Yes.

Act of Sederunt (Fees of Sheriff Officers) 1999 (SSI 1999/150)

The Convener: The position with SSI 1999/150 is exactly the same. Again, we have received an acknowledgement of the Executive's error. We will take no action to advise Parliament, now that we have drawn the error to the Executive's attention. Is that agreed?

Members *indicated agreement.*

Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (Orkney) (No. 3) (Scotland) Revocation Order 1999 (SSI 1999/159)

The Convener: The Executive has acknowledged that the wrong section was referred to in SSI 1999/159, but indicates that no problems arise for the implementation of the instrument. Are we agreed that we should simply note the instrument?

Members: Yes.

Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (Orkney) (No. 2) (Scotland) Partial Revocation Order 1999 (SSI 1999/160)

The Convener: The position with regard to SSI 1999/160 is the same. Again, are we agreed that we simply note the instrument, as we have pointed out the error to the Executive?

Members *indicated agreement.*

Standing Orders

The Convener: The final item relates to the revision of standing orders. Are we agreed that it would be better for us—or rather, the clerks—magnanimously to take that on, instead of passing it to the Procedures Committee?

Members *indicated agreement.*

The Convener: I now draw the meeting to a conclusion. Thank you for coming.

Meeting closed at 11:20.

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