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7th Meeting 2005, Session 2

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Dr Sylvia Jackson (Stirling) (Lab)

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Gordon Jackson (Glasgow Govan) (Lab)

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Mr Adam Ingram (South of Scotland) (SNP)
*Mr Stewart Maxwell (West of Scotland) (SNP)
*Christine May (Central Fife) (Lab)
Mike Pringle (Edinburgh South) (LD)
*Murray Tosh (West of Scotland) (Con)

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Alex Johnstone (North East Scotland) (Con) Maureen Macmillan (Highlands and Islands) (Lab) Stewart Stevenson (Banff and Buchan) (SNP)

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Committee Room 3

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Scottish Parliament

Subordinate Legislation Committee

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[THE OLDEST COMMITTEE MEMBER PRESENT opened the meeting at 10:41]

Christine May (Oldest Committee Member Present): Good morning everyone and welcome to the seventh meeting in 2005 of the Subordinate Legislation Committee. We have apologies from Mike Pringle and Adam Ingram. The convener, Sylvia Jackson, has been unavoidably delayed.

Executive Responses

Less Favoured Area Support Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2005 (SSI 2005/64)

10.42

Christine May: Members have received the Executive's response to the three points that we raised. Is the committee content to draw the attention of the lead committee and the Parliament to the fact that the points were raised and have been clarified?

For clarity and for the record, we are drawing the regulations to the attention of the Parliament and the lead committee on the ground of defective drafting as detailed in points 1 and 3, and, as detailed in point 2, on the ground that the Executive's intention could be clearer. Is that agreed?

Members indicated agreement.

Possession of Pesticides (Scotland) Order 2005 (SSI 2005/66)

Christine May: Is the committee content to report the order on the ground of failure to follow proper legislative practice, as mentioned in our third point to the Executive?

Members indicated agreement.

Christine May: We will draw the attention of the lead committee and the Parliament to the fact that the Executive has provided the information that we requested in our questions 1 and 2, and that there was a failure to follow proper legislative practice as mentioned in question 3.

Annual Close Time (Esk Salmon Fishery District) Order 2005 (SSI 2005/72)

Christine May: Is the committee content to draw the attention of the Parliament to the order on the ground of failure to follow legislative practice, or does the committee wish just to note the Executive's remedial action?

Murray Tosh (West of Scotland) (Con): We should advise the lead committee of the outcome. The Executive is taking steps to correct the failure and that should be included in the report.

Mr Stewart Maxwell (West of Scotland) (SNP): I agree. We should not just note the remedial action; we should report to the lead committee. That is reasonable.

Christine May: Thank you. We will therefore report to the lead committee and the Parliament on the ground that the order failed to follow proper legislative practice.

Mr Maxwell, can you confirm that you meant the Parliament rather than the lead committee?

Mr Maxwell: I meant the Parliament.

Instruments Subject to Annulment

Potatoes Originating in the Netherlands (Notification) (Scotland) Order 2005 (SSI 2005/73)

Potatoes Originating in the Netherlands (Scotland) Revocation Regulations 2005 (SSI 2005/74)

10:44

Christine May: No points arise on the instruments.

Police (Retention and Disposal of Motor Vehicles) (Scotland) Regulations 2005 (SSI 2005/80)

Christine May: Do members wish to raise any points on the regulations?

Murray Tosh: There is a minor point about drafting that we should raise informally.

Christine May: Okay; we are content to do that.

Poultry Meat, Farmed Game Bird Meat and Rabbit Meat (Hygiene and Inspection) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2005 (SSI 2005/81)

Christine May: No points arise on the regulations.

Instrument Not Laid Before the Parliament

Act of Sederunt (Fees in the National Archives of Scotland) 2005 (SSI 2005/77)

10:45

Christine May: No points arise on the act of sederunt.

That concludes the agenda; I thank members for their attendance.

Meeting closed at 10:45.

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