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11th Meeting 2001, Session 1

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DEPUTY CONVENER

*John Farquhar Munro (Ross, Skye and Inverness West) (LD)

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Bruce Crawford (Mid Scotland and Fife) (SNP)

*Robin Harper (Lothians) (Green)

Maureen Macmillan (Highlands and Islands) (Lab)

*Fiona McLeod (West of Scotland) (SNP)

*Des McNulty (Clydebank and Milngavie) (Lab)

*Bristow Muldoon (Livingston) (Lab)

*Mr Murray Tosh (South of Scotland) (Con)

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[THE CONVENER *opened the meeting at 10:04*]

The Convener (Mr Andy Kerr): Good morning, folks. I welcome you to the 11th meeting this year of the Transport and the Environment Committee. I also welcome Neil Stewart, who has joined the committee as an assistant clerk and Marie-Amelie Viatte, who has joined the Scottish Parliament information centre as a senior research specialist on environmental matters. Marie-Amelie has come along with Graeme Cook and Stephen Curtis, who I have no doubt are her minders for the morning.

We have received apologies from Maureen Macmillan, who has a clash with the Justice 1 Committee, which is doing stage 2 of a bill. Bruce Crawford has not arrived yet, but we expect to see him sometime this morning.

Fiona McLeod (West of Scotland) (SNP): He sends his apologies.

The Convener: Thank you.

Items in Private

The Convener: Agenda item 1 invites the committee to agree to take items 3 and 4 in private to allow us to consider further our approach to the examination of the Executive's budget proposals and to consider names of possible advisers on the committee's trunk roads inquiry. Members should be aware of a slight revision in today's business bulletin to the wording of item 4, which states that the committee will also discuss its approach to evidence taking on the trunk roads inquiry—for example, the order in which witnesses will come before the committee. I seek members' agreement to take the items in private.

Members indicated agreement.

Subordinate Legislation

The Convener: Item 2 concerns the Domestic Water and Sewerage Charges (Reduction) (Scotland) Regulations 2001. The order was laid on 20 March 2001 and, as members are aware, we have been designated as the lead committee for consideration of the instrument. The order is accompanied by an Executive note and a committee covering note.

The order was laid under the negative procedure, which means that the Parliament has the power to annul the order by resolution within 40 days, excluding recess. The time limit for parliamentary action therefore expires on 10 May 2001. Any MSP may lodge a motion to propose to the lead committee that the order be annulled. We are required to report on the instrument by 7 May 2001, which means that the committee meeting on 7 May is the last scheduled opportunity for a motion for annulment to be considered by the committee.

Should a motion for annulment be lodged, under rule 10.4 the Transport and the Environment Committee must debate the issue then report to the Parliament with its decision. The Subordinate Legislation Committee considered the instrument at its meeting on 27 March 2001 and determined that the attention of the Parliament need not be drawn to the instrument. Do members have any comments on the instrument?

Members: No.

The Convener: Are we content?

Members indicated agreement.

The Convener: We will report to the Parliament that we are content with the statutory instrument.

10:07

Meeting continued in private until 12:09.

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