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*(Morning)*

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## **TRANSPORT AND THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** **8<sup>th</sup> Meeting 2002, Session 1**

### **CONVENER**

\*Bristow Muldoon (Livingston) (Lab)

### **DEPUTY CONVENER**

Nora Radcliffe (Gordon) (LD)

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

\*Robin Harper (Lothians) (Green)

Mr Adam Ingram (South of Scotland) (SNP)

\*Angus MacKay (Edinburgh South) (Lab)

\*Fiona McLeod (West of Scotland) (SNP)

\*Maureen Macmillan (Highlands and Islands) (Lab)

Des McNulty (Clydebank and Milngavie) (Lab)

\*John Scott (Ayr) (Con)

\*attended

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## Scottish Parliament

### Transport and the Environment Committee

Wednesday 6 March 2002

(Morning)

[THE CONVENER opened the meeting at 10:03]

**The Convener (Bristow Muldoon):** I call the meeting to order and welcome the press and public to this meeting of the Transport and the Environment Committee. Unfortunately, the meeting—or certainly the public part of it—will be relatively short, which is quite unusual for us.

I have had apologies from Nora Radcliffe, who is participating in a visit to Brussels by the European Committee. I have also been advised by Des McNulty that he will be unable to attend—I think that he has business to do with the Finance Committee this morning.

### Item in Private

**The Convener:** Item 3 is a discussion on the names of possible witnesses in the second phase of our aquaculture inquiry. Do members agree to take that item in private?

**Members indicated agreement.**

**The Convener:** It probably makes sense to take item 3 after item 4, given that item 4 deals with phase 1 of the aquaculture inquiry and item 3 deals with phase 2 of the inquiry. Do members agree to do that?

**Members indicated agreement.**

**John Scott (Ayr) (Con):** Are you proposing that we take item 4 in private as well?

**The Convener:** We agreed that last week. It is standard practice to take such an item in private because it is consideration of a draft committee report.

**Robin Harper (Lothians) (Green):** Are we quorate?

**The Convener:** Yes, we are. The quorum is three, and four members are present.

## Subordinate Legislation

### Domestic Water and Sewerage Charges (Reduction) (Scotland) Regulations 2002 (SSI 2002/47)

**The Convener:** Agenda item 2 is consideration of a negative instrument, the Domestic Water and Sewerage Charges (Reduction) (Scotland) Regulations 2002. The instrument was laid before Parliament on 8 February 2002 and the regulations come into force on 1 April 2002. We are required to report on the regulations by 18 March 2002. The Subordinate Legislation Committee considered the regulations at its meeting on 26 February and determined that the attention of Parliament need not be drawn to them. We are invited to agree on our report on the regulations.

The regulations concern the reduction in charges for certain customers of Scottish Water. They are required to come into force in order that the scheme of reductions proposed by the Executive can be implemented on 1 April. No member has lodged a motion to annul the regulations. Do I take it that the committee is agreed that it has nothing to report on the regulations?

**Members indicated agreement.**

10:07

*Meeting continued in private until 12:06.*



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