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SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

18th Meeting 2010, Session 3

CONVENER

*Jamie Stone (Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross) (LD)

DEPUTY CONVENER

*Ian McKee (Lothians) (SNP)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

*Bob Doris (Glasgow) (SNP)

*Helen Eadie (Dunfermline East) (Lab)

*Rhoda Grant (Highlands and Islands) (Lab)

*Alex Johnstone (North East Scotland) (Con)

Elaine Smith (Coatbridge and Chryston) (Lab)

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTES

Bill Aitken (Glasgow) (Con)

Ross Finnie (West of Scotland) (LD)

Karen Gillon (Clydesdale) (Lab)

Christopher Harvie (Mid Scotland and Fife) (SNP)

*attended

CLERK TO THE COMMITTEE

Irene Fleming

LOCATION

Committee Room 6

Scottish Parliament
Subordinate Legislation
Committee

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[The Convener *opened the meeting at 14:15*]

Interests

The Convener (Jamie Stone): I welcome everyone to the 18th meeting in 2010 of the Subordinate Legislation Committee. We have received apologies from Elaine Smith. I remind everyone to turn off their mobiles and BlackBerrys—and that includes me.

The first item on the agenda is a declaration of interests. I welcome to the meeting Alex Johnstone as a new member of the committee and, in accordance with section 3 of the code of conduct, invite him to declare any interests that might be relevant to the committee's remit.

Alex Johnstone (North East Scotland) (Con): I have thought long and hard about this and have not come up with any interests that I believe would be relevant to the committee. I therefore have nothing to declare.

The Convener: Splendid. That is now on the record.

Crofting Reform (Scotland) Bill:
Stage 1

14:15

The Convener: Agenda item 2 is consideration of the Government's response to our stage 1 report on the delegated powers in the Crofting Reform (Scotland) Bill. The Government has agreed to remove the power in section 15(5) but, as members will see from the response, there are still a number of other outstanding issues.

At this stage, we are simply asked to note the response. We will return to the bill after stage 2, at which point we can revisit these areas in our consideration of all the changes that have been made to the powers during that stage. If members have no comments, are we content to note the response as set out in the paper from the clerks?

Members *indicated agreement.*

Legal Services (Scotland) Bill: Stage 1

14:16

The Convener: The third agenda item is consideration of the Government's response to our stage 1 report on the delegated powers in the Legal Services (Scotland) Bill. Members will, I hope, be pleased to note that the Government has agreed to make a number of amendments in response to our recommendations. The only exception is the power in paragraph 2(2) of schedule 4, in respect of which the Scottish Government has considered that specifying a maximum penalty in the bill will be too inflexible and that affirmative procedure is unnecessary.

Again, we are simply asked to note the response. We will return to the bill after stage 2, at which point we will be able to revisit these areas in our consideration of the changes that have been made at that stage. If members have no comments, are we content to note the response as set out in the paper from the clerks?

Members *indicated agreement.*

Draft Instruments subject to Approval

**Dormant Bank and Building Society
Accounts (Scotland) Order 2010 (Draft)**

**Budget (Scotland) Act 2010 Amendment
Order 2010 (Draft)**

**Town and Country Planning (Fees for
Applications and Deemed Applications)
(Scotland) Amendment (No 2) Regulations
2010 (Draft)**

14:17

The committee agreed that no points arose on the instruments.

Instruments subject to Annulment

**Air Quality Standards (Scotland)
Regulations 2010 (SSI 2010/204)**

**Plant Health (Scotland) Amendment Order
2010 (SSI 2010/206)**

**Plant Health Fees (Scotland) Amendment
Regulations 2010 (SSI 2010/207)**

**National Health Service (General Dental
Services) (Scotland) Regulations 2010 (SSI
2010/208)**

The Convener: I close this brief meeting. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 8 June at the same time.

Meeting closed at 14:18.

14:18

The committee agreed that no points arose on the instruments.

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