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Crown Estate Scotland (Interim Management) Order 2017 [draft]

The Committee reports to the Parliament as follows—

1. The Crown Estate Scotland (Interim Management) Order 2017 [draft] was laid before the Parliament on 21 October 2016 and referred to the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee.
2. The management of the Crown Estate is currently a reserved matter. However, the Scotland Act 2016 gave the responsibility for the management of the Crown Estate's economic assets in Scotland, and the revenue generated from those assets, to be devolved to Scotland. The purpose of this instrument is to establish an interim body, called Crown Estate Scotland (Interim Management), to manage those Crown Estate assets in Scotland which will be transferred to the body as part of a scheme made by the Treasury.
3. The Crown Estate Scotland (Interim Management) Order 2017 [draft] is subject to affirmative procedure (Rule 10.6). It is for the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee to recommend to the Parliament whether the Order should be approved.
4. The Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform, Roseanna Cunningham MSP, has, by motion S5M-02399, proposed that the Committee recommends approval of the Order.
5. At its meeting on the 22 November 2016, the Committee took evidence on the Crown Estate Scotland (Interim Management) Order 2017 [draft] from—
 - Humza Yousaf, Minister for Transport and the Islands
 - David Mallon, Head of Crown Estate Strategy Unit, Marine Scotland
 - Douglas Kerr, Solicitor, Directorate for Legal Services, Scottish Government
6. The Committee questioned the Minister on a number of areas in relation to the proposed interim body, including: the principles underpinning the new body; the membership of its board and the extent of community representation; how long the interim body is expected to be in place; the possible pilot initiatives for devolving management and revenues for marine estates to community landowners in the Outer Hebrides; the funding and resourcing available for the new body; and the location of its head office.

7. Following the evidence session, Humza Yousaf moved motion S5M-02399—

That the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee recommends that the Crown Estate Scotland (Interim Management) Order 2017 [draft] be approved.
8. The motion was agreed to.
9. The full transcript of the Committee's consideration of this instrument can be found in the Official Report of the meeting (available from 6 pm on Friday 25 November 2016) at the following link:

[Official Reports Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee](#)

10. The Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee recommend to Parliament that the Crown Estate Scotland (Interim Management) Order 2017 [draft] be approved.

