



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

**RURAL AFFAIRS, CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

**5th Meeting, 2014 (Session 4)**

**Wednesday 26 February 2014**

Present:

Claudia Beamish	Graeme Dey (Deputy Convener)
Nigel Don	Alex Fergusson
Rob Gibson (Convener)	Cara Hilton
Jim Hume	Richard Lyle
Angus MacDonald	

The meeting opened at 10.07 am.

1. **The Scottish Government's implementation of the Common Agricultural Policy and Scotland Rural Development Programme 2014-20:** The Committee took evidence from—

Jonnie Hall, Director of Policy and Regions, National Farmers Union of Scotland;

Patrick Krause, Chief Executive, Scottish Crofting Federation;

Sandy Simpson, Board Director, Scottish Tenant Farmers Association;

Roger McCall, Member, New Entrants Group Policy Committee;

Stuart Ashworth, Head of Economics Services, Quality Meat Scotland;

James Withers, Chief Executive, Scotland Food and Drink;

Dr Ronald Wilson, School of GeoSciences, University of Edinburgh;

Andrew Skea, President, British Potato Trade Association;

William Houstoun, General Manager, Angus Growers Ltd;

Debs Roberts, Development Manager, Scottish Organic Producers Association.

The meeting closed at 12.55 pm.

Lynn Tullis  
Clerk to the Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee  
Room T3.40  
The Scottish Parliament  
Edinburgh  
Tel: 0131 348 5240  
Email: [racce.committee@scottish.parliament.uk](mailto:racce.committee@scottish.parliament.uk)