



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

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

**MINUTES**

**6th Meeting, 2014 (Session 4)**

**Wednesday 5 March 2014**

Present:

Claudia Beamish

Roderick Campbell (Committee  
Substitute)

Graeme Dey (Deputy Convener)

Nigel Don

Alex Fergusson

Cara Hilton

Jim Hume

Richard Lyle

Angus MacDonald

Apologies were received from Rob Gibson (Convener).

The meeting opened at 10.04 am.

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

Andrew Midgley, Head of Policy, Scottish Land and Estates Ltd;

Peter Cook, independent adviser;

Professor Bill Slee, Researcher, Social, Economic and Geographical Sciences, The James Hutton Institute;

Davy McCracken, Professor in Upland Land Use Systems and Head of Hill and Mountain Research Centre, Scotland's Rural College;

Pete Ritchie, Executive Director, Nourish Scotland;

James Graham, Chief Executive, Scottish Agricultural Organisation Society Limited;

Stuart Goodall, Chief Executive, Confor;

Vicki Swales, Scottish Environment Link;

Andy Tharme, Project Manager, Scottish Borders Land Use Strategy pilot,  
Scottish Borders Council.

2. **Draft Third National Planning Framework (NPF3) (in private):** The Committee considered a draft report and agreed to consider a revised draft at its next meeting.

The meeting closed at 1.16 pm.

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