



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

RURAL AFFAIRS, CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES

9th Meeting, 2014 (Session 4)

Wednesday 26 March 2014

Present:

Claudia Beamish

Nigel Don

Rob Gibson (Convener)

Jim Hume

Angus MacDonald

Graeme Dey (Deputy Convener)

Alex Fergusson

Cara Hilton

Richard Lyle

The meeting opened at 10.02 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take item 3 and 4 in private. The Committee also agreed to take consideration of its work programme in private at its next meeting.
2. **The Scottish Government's implementation of the Common Agricultural Policy and Scotland Rural Development Programme 2014-20:** The Committee took evidence from—

Richard Lochhead, Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and the Environment, David Barnes, Deputy Director, Agriculture and Rural Development, and Drew Sloan, Chief Agricultural Officer, Scottish Government;

Dr Jenny Johnson, Policy and Advice Manager, Scottish Natural Heritage.
3. **The Scottish Government's implementation of the Common Agricultural Policy and Scotland Rural Development Programme 2014-20 (in private):** The Committee considered the evidence it has received.
4. **Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee inquiry into the procedures for considering legislation (in private):** The Committee agreed its response to the inquiry.

The meeting closed at 12.57 pm.

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