



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

DELEGATED POWERS AND LAW REFORM COMMITTEE

MINUTES

3rd Meeting, 2015 (Session 4)

Tuesday 20 January 2015

Present:

Nigel Don (Convener)
Margaret McCulloch
Stewart Stevenson

John Mason (Deputy Convener)
John Scott

The meeting opened at 10.31 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take items 11, 12 and 13 in private.
2. **Legal Writings (Counterparts and Delivery) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee considered the Bill at Stage 2.

The following provisions were agreed to without amendment: sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 and the long title.

The Committee completed Stage 2 consideration of the Bill.

3. **Guidance subject to approval:** The Committee agreed that no points arose on the following—

[Scottish Regulators' Strategic Code of Practice \(SG/2015/10\).](#)

4. **Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee agreed that no points arose on the following—

[Equality Act 2010 \(Specification of Public Authorities\) \(Scotland\) Order 2015 \[draft\].](#)

5. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee agreed to draw the attention of the Parliament to the following—

[Land and Buildings Transaction Tax \(Transitional Provisions\) \(Scotland\) Order 2014 \(SSI 2014/377\);](#)

and that no points arose on the following—

[Land and Buildings Transaction Tax \(Administration\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2014 \(SSI 2014/375\);](#)
[Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments \(Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2015 \(SSI 2015/1\).](#)

6. **Instruments not subject to any parliamentary procedure:** The Committee agreed that no points arose on the following—

[Act of Sederunt \(Sheriff Court Adoption Rules Amendment\) 2015 \(SSI 2015/5\).](#)

7. **Budget (Scotland) (No.4) Bill:** The Committee considered the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1 and agreed the contents of a report.

8. **Public Bodies Act Consent Memorandum:** The Committee agreed that no points arose on the following—

[Public Bodies \(Abolition of the Advisory Committees on Pesticides\) Order 2015 \[draft\].](#)

9. **Serious Crime Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee considered the powers to make subordinate legislation conferred on Scottish Ministers in the Serious Crime Bill as amended (UK Parliament legislation) and agreed to draw a matter to the attention of the lead committee.

10. **Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee considered the powers to make subordinate legislation conferred on Scottish Ministers in the Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Bill as amended (UK Parliament legislation) and agreed to seek further information in writing from the Scottish Government.

11. **Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee considered the Scottish Government's response to its Stage 1 report and agreed to write to both the Scottish Government and the Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee in relation to a continuing concern.

12. **Assisted Suicide (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee considered further the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1.

13. **Air Weapons and Licensing (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee agreed a report to the Local Government and Regeneration Committee.

The meeting closed at 11.23 am.

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