



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

DELEGATED POWERS AND LAW REFORM COMMITTEE

MINUTES

34th Meeting, 2015 (Session 4)

Tuesday 1 December 2015

Present:

Richard Baker
John Mason (Deputy Convener)
Stewart Stevenson

Nigel Don (Convener)
John Scott

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take items 9, 10, and 11 in private.
2. **Bankruptcy (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee considered correspondence from the Scottish Government on the Bill.
3. **Bankruptcy (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee took evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—

Gregor Clark, Parliamentary Counsel, Scottish Law Commission; Graham Fisher, Head of Branch 1, Civil and Constitutional Law Division, Scottish Government Legal Directorate, Scottish Government.

4. **Bankruptcy (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee considered whether the consolidation in Parts 9-14 of the Bill correctly restate the enactments being consolidated, and whether the consolidation is clear, coherent and consistent.
5. **Bankruptcy (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee considered the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1 and agreed the contents of a report.
6. **Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee agreed that no points arose on the following—

[General Dental Council \(Fitness to Practise etc.\) Order 2015 \[draft\];](#)
[Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. \(Scotland\) Act 2003](#)
[\(Treatment of Community Justice Scotland as Specified Authority\) Order](#)
[2016 \[draft\];](#)
[Secure Accommodation \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2016 \[draft\].](#)

7. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee agreed that no points arose on the following—
- [Plant Health \(Import Inspection Fees\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2015 \(SSI 2015/392\);](#)
[Animal By-Products \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2015 \(SSI 2015/393\);](#)
[Litigants in Person \(Costs and Expenses\) \(Sheriff Appeal Court\) Order 2015 \(SSI 2015/398\);](#)
[Trade in Animals and Related Products \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2015 \(SSI 2015/401\).](#)
8. **Land Reform (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee considered the Scottish Government's response to its Stage 1 report and agreed to write to both the Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Food and the Environment and the Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform in relation to concerns that the Committee still has over a number of delegated powers in the Bill.
9. **Lobbying (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee considered further the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1 and agreed the contents of a report to the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee.
10. **Private Housing (Tenancies) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee considered further the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1 and agreed the contents of a report to the Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee.
11. **Transplantation (Authorisation of Removal of Organs etc.) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee agreed a report to the Health and Sport Committee.
12. **Bankruptcy (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee considered the evidence it heard earlier in the meeting.

The meeting closed at 11.40 am.

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