



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE AND LAND REFORM COMMITTEE

MINUTES

5th Meeting, 2016 (Session 5)

Tuesday 20 September 2016

Present:

Claudia Beamish

Graeme Dey (Convener)

Jenny Gilruth

Emma Harper

Mark Ruskell

Alexander Burnett

Kate Forbes

Maurice Golden (Deputy Convener)

Angus MacDonald

David Stewart

Apologies were received from Finlay Carson.

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take items 7, 8, 9 and 10 in private.
2. **Scotland's greenhouse gas emissions targets:** The Committee took evidence on Scotland's greenhouse gas emission targets from—

Andy Kerr, Executive Director, Edinburgh Centre for Carbon Innovation (ECCI), University of Edinburgh;

Robin Parker, Public Affairs Manager, WWF Scotland;

Sue Roaf, Professor, School of the Built Environment, Heriot Watt University;

Richard Dixon, Director, Friends of the Earth Scotland;

Robin Matthews, Natural Assets Theme Leader and ClimateXChange Coordinator, James Hutton Institute;

Tom Rye, Director of TRI and Professor of Transport Policy, Transport Research Institute, Napier University.

Alexander Burnett declared interests in agricultural holdings.

3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee took evidence on the Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003 (Treatment of Crown Estate Scotland (Interim Management) as Specified Authority) Order 2016 [draft] from—

Roseanna Cunningham, Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform, and David Mallon, Head of Crown Estate Strategy Unit, Marine Scotland, Scottish Government;

Douglas Kerr, Solicitor, Scottish Government Legal Directorate.

4. **Subordinate legislation:** Roseanna Cunningham (Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform) moved —

S5M-01328—That the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee recommends that the Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003 (Treatment of Crown Estate Scotland (Interim Management) as Specified Authority) Order 2016 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to.

5. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee considered the following negative instrument—

Water Environment (Shellfish Water Protected Areas: Designation) (Scotland) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/251).

The Committee agreed to make no recommendations in relation to the instrument.

6. **Appointment of EU Reporter:** The Committee agreed to appoint David Stewart as its European Union Reporter.
7. **The draft Climate Change Plan (RPP3) (in private):** The Committee agreed its approach to consideration of the draft Climate Change Plan (RPP3) and agreed to write to the Conveners of other Committees to advise them of the agreed approach of the Committee.
8. **Draft Budget Scrutiny 2017-18 (in private):** The Committee agreed its approach to the scrutiny of the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2017-18.
9. **Appointment of Scottish Land Commissioners and the Tenant Farming Commissioner (in private):** The Committee agreed to consider its approach to engaging with the appointment of the Scottish Land Commissioners and the Scottish Tenant Farming Commissioner at the next meeting of the Committee.
10. **Crown Estate in Scotland (in private):** The Committee agreed its letter to the Scottish Government on the Crown Estate.

The meeting closed at 1.04 pm.

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