



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE AND LAND REFORM COMMITTEE

MINUTES

4th Meeting, 2018 (Session 5)

Tuesday 30 January 2018

Present:

Claudia Beamish	Finlay Carson
Graeme Dey (Convener)	Kate Forbes
Richard Lyle	Angus MacDonald
Alex Rowley	Mark Ruskell
John Scott (Deputy Convener)	

Apologies were received from Donald Cameron and Stewart Stevenson.

The meeting opened at 9.45 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take items 4 and 5 in private.
2. **Inquiry into the environmental impacts of salmon farming:** The Committee took evidence from—

Dr Adam Hughes, Senior Lecturer in Sustainable Aquaculture, Professor Nick Owens, Director, Professor Paul Tett, Reader in Coastal Ecosystems and Scientific Lead, and Dr Lindsay Vare, Project Manager, Scottish Association for Marine Science;

Professor Eric Verspoor, Director, Rivers and Lochs Institute, University of the Highlands and Islands.

3. **Draft climate change plan (RPP3):** The Committee took evidence from—

Chris Stark, Director of Energy and Climate Change, Clare Hamilton, Deputy Director, Head of Decarbonisation, and Michael King, Senior Economist, Head of Energy and Climate Change Unit, Scottish Government.

John Scott declared an interest as a farmer.

4. **Draft climate change plan (RPP3) (in private):** The Committee considered evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
5. **Environmental implications for Scotland of the UK leaving the EU (in private):** The Committee agreed correspondence to the Scottish Government.
6. **Inquiry into the environmental impacts of salmon farming (in private):** The Committee considered evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

The meeting closed at 12.57 pm.

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