

DELEGATED POWERS AND LAW REFORM COMMITTEE

MINUTES

15th Meeting, 2020 (Session 5)

Tuesday 5 May 2020

Present:

Bill Bowman (Convener)
Stuart McMillan (Deputy Convener)

Gordon Lindhurst

Apologies were received from Mary Fee, Gil Paterson.

The meeting opened at 12.30 pm.

- 1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take item 4 in private.
- 2. **Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee agreed that no points arose on the following—

<u>Direct Payments (Crop Diversification Derogation) (Scotland) Regulations</u> 2020 (SSI 2020/135)

The Committee nevertheless agreed to highlight to the lead committee that the power under which these Regulations are made can onlybe used to derogate from the EU Direct Payments Regulation where they meetcertain preconditions. The Committee believed that the lead committee was best placed to consider whether these preconditions had been met.

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

Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018 (Commencement No. 7) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/127(C.14))

4. **Agriculture Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee considered the powers to make subordinate legislation conferred on Scottish Ministers in the Agriculture Bill (UK Parliament legislation). The Committee agreed to write to

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the Scottish Government with a number of questions and would consider the response at its next meeting.

The meeting closed at 12.51 pm.

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