



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE AND LAND REFORM COMMITTEE

MINUTES

2nd Meeting, 2017 (Session 5)

Tuesday 17 January 2017

Present:

Claudia Beamish	Alexander Burnett
Finlay Carson	Graeme Dey (Convener)
Kate Forbes	Jenny Gilruth
Maurice Golden (Deputy Convener)	Emma Harper
Angus MacDonald	Mark Ruskell
David Stewart	

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take item 4 in private.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee considered the following negative instrument—

The Financial Assistance for Environmental Purposes (Scotland) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/406)

The Committee agreed to make no recommendations in relation to the instrument but that it would write to the Scottish Government for further clarification on the Order.

3. **Deer Management in Scotland:** The Committee took evidence from—

Professor Steve Albon, Emeritus Fellow, James Hutton Institute;

Dr Duncan Halley, Researcher I, EU & EEA programmes contact, Norwegian Institute for Nature Research (via video conference);

Professor David McCracken, Head of Hill & Mountain Research Centre, Scotland's Rural College;

Professor Rory Putman, Visiting Professor at the Institute of Biodiversity
Animal Health and Comparative Medicine, University of Glasgow.

Alexander Burnett declared an interest in relation to deer management.

4. **Deer Management in Scotland (in private):** The Committee considered evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

The meeting closed at 12.25 pm.

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