



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## RURAL ECONOMY AND CONNECTIVITY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

15th Meeting, 2019 (Session 5)

Wednesday 8 May 2019

Present:

Peter Chapman

Jamie Greene

John Mason

Gail Ross (Deputy Convener)

Colin Smyth

Maureen Watt

John Finnie

Richard Lyle

Edward Mountain (Convener)

Mike Rumbles

Stewart Stevenson

Also present: Claudia Beamish, Finlay Carson

The meeting opened at 8.30 am.

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

Disabled Persons (Badges for Motor Vehicles) (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/128)

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

2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee took evidence on the Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc (Scotland) Act 2003 (Treatment of South of Scotland Enterprise as Specified Authority) Order 2019 [draft] from—

Fergus Ewing, Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy, Karen Jackson, South of Scotland Economic Development Team, Team Leader, Sandra Reid, Bill Team Leader, Felicity Cullen, Scottish Government Legal Directorate, and Fraser Gough, Parliamentary Counsel, Scottish Government.

3. **Subordinate legislation:** Fergus Ewing (Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy) moved—

S5M-17046—That the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee recommends that the Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc (Scotland) Act 2003 (Treatment of South of Scotland Enterprise as Specified Authority) Order 2019 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to.

4. **South of Scotland Enterprise Bill:** The Committee considered the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 1).

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 17, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 20, 23, 24, 14, 9, 10, 11A, 11, 30, 36 and 39.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

22 (For 8, Against 3, Abstentions 0)

15 (For 8, Against 3, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

16 (For 2, Against 9, Abstentions 0)

18 (For 2, Against 9, Abstentions 0)

19 (For 5, Against 6, Abstentions 0)

21 (For 2, Against 9, Abstentions 0)

26 (For 3, Against 8, Abstentions 0)

27 (For 2, Against 9, Abstentions 0)

28 (For 2, Against 9, Abstentions 0)

41 (For 1, Against 9, Abstentions 1).

The following amendments were moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn: 29 and 40.

The following amendments were not moved: 25, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 37 and 38.

The following provisions were agreed to without amendment: sections 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13.

The following provisions were agreed to as amended: schedule 1, section 4, schedule 2, sections 5 and 6.

The Committee ended consideration of the Bill for the day, section 13 having been agreed to.

Stewart Stevenson declared an interest as an Associate Member of the Highland Reserve Forces and Cadets Association.

5. **Annual report:** The Committee agreed to defer consideration of its annual report to a future meeting.
6. **Restricted Roads (20 mph Speed Limit) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee agreed to defer consideration of a draft Stage 1 report to a future meeting.

The meeting closed at 11.38 am.

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