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# DELEGATED POWERS AND LAW REFORM COMMITTEE

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**DELEGATED POWERS AND LAW REFORM COMMITTEE**  
**17<sup>th</sup> Meeting 2014, Session 4**

**CONVENER**

\*Nigel Don (Angus North and Mearns) (SNP)

**DEPUTY CONVENER**

\*Stuart McMillan (West Scotland) (SNP)

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

\*Richard Baker (North East Scotland) (Lab)

\*Mike MacKenzie (Highlands and Islands) (SNP)

\*Margaret McCulloch (Central Scotland) (Lab)

\*John Scott (Ayr) (Con)

\*Stewart Stevenson (Banffshire and Buchan Coast) (SNP)

\*attended

**CLERK TO THE COMMITTEE**

Euan Donald

**LOCATION**

The David Livingstone Room (CR6)



## Scottish Parliament

### Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

*Tuesday 20 May 2014*

[The Convener *opened the meeting at 11:30*]

### Instruments subject to Negative Procedure

#### Insolvency (Scotland) Amendment Rules 2014 (SSI 2014/114)

#### Food Hygiene (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/118)

**The Convener (Nigel Don):** I welcome members to the 17th meeting in 2014 of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee and, as always, ask them to switch off mobile phones.

Agenda item 1 is consideration of two negative instruments, on which no points have been raised by our legal advisers. Is the committee content with them?

**Members** *indicated agreement.*

### Instrument not subject to Parliamentary Procedure

#### Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session and Sheriff Court Company Insolvency Rules Amendment) (Miscellaneous) 2014 (SSI 2014/119)

11:30

**The Convener:** No points have been raised by our legal advisers on the instrument. Is the committee content with it?

**Members** *indicated agreement.*

## Courts Reform (Scotland) Bill: Stage 1

11:31

**The Convener:** We come to agenda item 3, which is consideration of the Scottish Government's response to the committee's stage 1 report on the bill. Members have seen the briefing paper and the response from the Scottish Government. Do members have any comments?

There being none, are we content to note the response and, if necessary, to reconsider the bill after stage 2?

**Members** *indicated agreement.*

## Public Bodies Act Consent Memorandum

### Public Bodies (Abolition of Food from Britain) Order 2014 [Draft]

11:31

**The Convener:** We come to agenda item 4, which is a United Kingdom Government order made under the UK Public Bodies Act 2011.

The consent of the Scottish Parliament is required to make an order under part 1 of the Public Bodies Act 2011 where such an order makes provision that would be within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament. The Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee considers and reports on such orders under the same grounds as it considers and reports on instruments that are laid before the Parliament. Is the committee content with the order?

**Members** *indicated agreement.*

## Annual Report

11:32

**The Convener:** Agenda item 5 is consideration of a draft annual report for the parliamentary year from 11 May 2013 to 10 May 2014.

Under rule 12.9 of standing orders, the committee is obliged to report to the Parliament at the end of each parliamentary year on its activities during that year. We have before us a draft annual report for the parliamentary year 2013-14. The report is due to be published next month to coincide with the publication of all the other committee annual reports.

Do members have any comments on the report?

**Stewart Stevenson (Banffshire and Buchan Coast) (SNP):** It is a report that perhaps reflects the fact that this committee has had some input into the quality of work that is undertaken by drafters across the Scottish Government in that it is pretty broadly satisfactory, which is very much to be welcomed.

**The Convener:** Is the committee content to note the annual report?

**Members** *indicated agreement.*

**The Convener:** Unless there are any other items of business, that is the end of the meeting. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 27 May.

*Meeting closed at 11:33.*

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