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DELEGATED POWERS AND LAW REFORM COMMITTEE

17th Meeting 2019, Session 5

CONVENER

*Graham Simpson (Central Scotland) (Con)

DEPUTY CONVENER

Stuart McMillan (Greenock and Inverclyde) (SNP)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

*Tom Arthur (Renfrewshire South) (SNP)

Mary Fee (West Scotland) (Lab)

*Alison Harris (Central Scotland) (Con)

*attended

THE FOLLOWING ALSO PARTICIPATED:

Alex Neil (Airdrie and Shotts) (SNP) (Committee Substitute)

CLERK TO THE COMMITTEE

Andrew Proudfoot

LOCATION

The Adam Smith Room (CR5)

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[The Convener opened the meeting at 10:00]

Interests

The Convener (Graham Simpson): I welcome everyone to the 17th meeting in 2019 of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee. We have received apologies from Mary Fee and Stuart McMillan. I welcome Alex Neil to his first meeting of the committee. Alex is attending as a substitute member on behalf of Stuart McMillan.

The first agenda item is a declaration of interests. In accordance with section 3 of the “Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament”, I invite Alex Neil to declare any interests that are relevant to the committee’s remit.

Alex Neil (Airdrie and Shotts) (SNP): I refer to my entry in the register of members’ interests.

Decision on Taking Business in Private

10:00

The Convener: Under agenda item 2, it is proposed that the committee takes items 4 and 5—consideration of the delegated powers provisions in the Fuel Poverty (Target, Definition and Strategy) (Scotland) Bill and of a paper on our work relating to Scottish Law Commission bills—in private. Do members agree to do so?

Members indicated agreement.

Instrument subject to Negative Procedure

Local Government Pension Scheme (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/161)

10:01

The Convener: Under agenda item 3, we have one negative instrument to consider. The main purpose of the regulations is to provide that the entitlement to retire at 55 applies to deferred pension members of the local government pension scheme. They also make some changes to the requirements for cohabiting partner pensions.

There are a couple of errors in the regulations that relate to a misplaced word and a paragraph that appears twice, albeit with slightly different wording. Full details are in our published papers.

Does the committee wish to draw the regulations to the attention of the Parliament on the general reporting ground, as they contain a couple of drafting errors?

Members indicated agreement.

The Convener: Does the committee wish to welcome the Government’s undertaking to lay a further instrument to correct the errors in time for the regulations to come into force on 28 June?

Members indicated agreement.

10:02

Meeting continued in private until 10:11.

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