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DELEGATED POWERS AND LAW REFORM COMMITTEE

20th Meeting 2024, Session 6

CONVENER

*Stuart McMillan (Greenock and Inverclyde) (SNP)

DEPUTY CONVENER

*Bill Kidd (Glasgow Anniesland) (SNP)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

*Jeremy Balfour (Lothian) (Con)

*Foysoil Choudhury (Lothian) (Lab)

*Tim Eagle (Highlands and Islands) (Con)

*attended

CLERK TO THE COMMITTEE

Greg Black

LOCATION

The Adam Smith Room (CR5)

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[The Convener opened the meeting at 10:01]

Interests

The Convener (Stuart McMillan): Welcome to the 20th meeting in 2024 of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform committee. I remind everyone to switch off, or put to silent, mobile phones and other electronic devices.

Before we begin today's meeting, I want to put on the record an update in relation to legislative consent memorandums that the committee was considering. Following the dissolution of the United Kingdom Parliament ahead of the UK general election on 4 July this year, the bills relating to the LCMs that the committee was considering—the Tobacco and Vapes Bill and the Renters (Reform) Bill—fell. As such, the LCMs also fell, and the committee has decided that it will not undertake any further work on them.

The first item of business is a declaration of interests. In accordance with section 3 of the code of conduct, I invite Jeremy Balfour MSP to declare any interests that are relevant to the remit of the committee.

Jeremy Balfour (Lothian) (Con): I have no relevant interests.

The Convener: Thank you very much, Jeremy, and welcome back to the committee.

Decision on Taking Business in Private

10:02

The Convener: The second item of business is to decide whether to take items 6 to 9 in private. I will bring in Tim Eagle.

Tim Eagle (Highlands and Islands) (Con): I am happy to take those items in private, but I just want to declare an interest in relation to item 6, which is on the Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill, in that I am a farmer and have received basic payment support.

The Convener: Thank you for that.

Is the committee content to take items 6 to 9 in private?

Members *indicated agreement.*

Instruments subject to Affirmative Procedure

10:03

The Convener: Under agenda item 3, we are considering two instruments, on which no points have been raised.

Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (Licensing of Short-term Lets) Amendment Order 2024 [Draft]

Companies Act 2006 (Scottish public sector companies to be audited by the Auditor General for Scotland) Order 2024 [Draft]

The Convener: Is the committee content with the instruments?

Members *indicated agreement.*

Instrument subject to Negative Procedure

10:03

The Convener: Under agenda item 4, we are considering one instrument, on which no points have been raised.

Food Additives and Novel Foods (Authorisations and Miscellaneous Amendments) and Food Flavourings (Removal of Authorisations) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/156)

The Convener: Is the committee content with the instrument?

Members *indicated agreement.*

Instruments not subject to Parliamentary Procedure

10:03

The Convener: Under agenda item 5, we are considering two instruments, on which no points have been raised.

Act of Sederunt (Messengers-at-Arms and Sheriff Officers Rules) (Amendment) 2024 (SSI 2024/157)

Act of Adjournal (Criminal Procedure Rules 1996 Amendment) (Mutual Legal Assistance) 2024 (SSI 2024/159)

The Convener: Is the committee content with the instruments?

Members *indicated agreement.*

The Convener: That concludes the public part of the meeting, and I will move the committee into private.

10:04

Meeting continued in private until 10:34.

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