RURAL AFFAIRS, CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES

22nd Meeting, 2012 (Session 4)

Wednesday 24 October 2012

Present:

Claudia Beamish
Annabelle Ewing (Deputy Convener)
Rob Gibson (Convener)
Richard Lyle
Margaret McDougall

Graeme Dey
Alex Fergusson
Jim Hume
Angus MacDonald

Also present: Nigel Don.

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private**: The Committee agreed to take items 4 and 5 and future consideration of evidence on its Draft Budget Scrutiny in private.

2. **Draft Budget Scrutiny 2013-14**: The Committee took evidence on the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2013-14 from—

   Paul Wheelhouse, Minister for Environment and Climate Change, Bob McIntosh, Director for Environment and Forestry, Keith Connal, Deputy Director, Natural Resources, and Neil Ritchie, Head of Natural Assets and Flooding, Scottish Government.

3. **Petition PE1396**: The Committee considered a petition calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to investigate and prevent the overbreeding of Staffordshire bull terrier dogs. The Committee agreed to close the petition and to write to COSLA and the Scottish Government on issues raised during the meeting.

4. **Consideration of evidence (in private)**: The Committee considered the evidence on the Draft Budget heard earlier in the meeting.
5. **Aquaculture and Fisheries (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee agreed its approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1.

The meeting closed at 12.10 pm.

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