



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

RURAL AFFAIRS, CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES

1st Meeting, 2016 (Session 4)

Wednesday 13 January 2016

Present:

Claudia Beamish
Graeme Dey (Deputy Convener)
Rob Gibson (Convener)
Angus MacDonald
Dave Thompson

Sarah Boyack
Alex Fergusson
Jim Hume
Michael Russell

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take items 4 and 5 in private.
2. **Land Reform (Scotland) Bill:** Rob Gibson MSP moved—

S4M-15225 — That the Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee considers the Land Reform (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 in the following order: Part 1, Chapters 1 and 2 of Part 2, Parts 3 to 10, Chapter 3 of Part 2, Part 11 (including, after section 102, the schedule) and the long title.

The motion was agreed.

3. **Scottish Government's Wildlife Crime in Scotland - 2014 Annual Report:** The Committee took evidence from—

Malcolm Graham, Assistant Chief Constable, Major Crime and Public Protection, and Sean Scott, Detective Chief Superintendent (Wildlife Crime Portfolio Holder), Police Scotland;

Tom Dysart, Specialist Prosecutor, COPFS Wildlife and Environment Crime Unit, Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service.

4. **Scottish Government's Wildlife Crime in Scotland - 2014 Annual Report:** The Committee considered evidence heard earlier in the meeting and will consider a draft letter to the Scottish Government at a future meeting.
5. **Draft Budget Scrutiny 2016-17:** The Committee agreed its draft report to the Finance Committee on the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2016-17.

The meeting closed at 1.16 pm.

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