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RURAL AFFAIRS AND ISLANDS COMMITTEE

21st Meeting 2023, Session 6

CONVENER

*Finlay Carson (Galloway and West Dumfries) (Con)

DEPUTY CONVENER

*Beatrice Wishart (Shetland Islands) (LD)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

*Karen Adam (Banffshire and Buchan Coast) (SNP)

*Alasdair Allan (Na h-Eileanan an Iar) (SNP)

*Ariane Burgess (Highlands and Islands) (Green)

*Jim Fairlie (Perthshire South and Kinross-shire) (SNP)

*Kate Forbes (Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch) (SNP)

*Rhoda Grant (Highlands and Islands) (Lab)

*Rachael Hamilton (Ettrick, Roxburgh and Berwickshire) (Con)

*attended

CLERK TO THE COMMITTEE

Emma Johnston

LOCATION

The Mary Fairfax Somerville Room (CR2)

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[The Convener opened the meeting at 11:01]

Interests

The Convener (Finlay Carson): Good morning, everyone, and welcome to the 21st meeting of the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee in 2023. I remind all members who are using electronic devices to switch them to silent.

Our first agenda item is a declaration of interests. I welcome to the meeting our new member, Kate Forbes MSP, who replaces Christine Grahame. I invite her to declare any relevant interests.

Kate Forbes (Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch) (SNP): Thank you very much, convener. I am absolutely delighted to be on the committee and I do not have any relevant interests to declare as far as I am aware.

The Convener: That ends our public session. The committee will now move into private.

11:02

Meeting continued in private until 11:35.

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