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**RURAL AFFAIRS AND ISLANDS COMMITTEE**

**25<sup>th</sup> 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 (Etrick, Roxburgh and Berwickshire) (Con)

\*attended

**THE FOLLOWING ALSO ATTENDED:**

Christine Grahame (Midlothian South, Tweeddale and Lauderdale) (SNP) (Committee Substitute)

**CLERK TO THE COMMITTEE**

Emma Johnston

**LOCATION**

The Mary Fairfax Somerville Room (CR2)



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*[The Convener opened the meeting at 10:45]*

**United Kingdom Subordinate**  
**Legislation**

**Plant Protection Products (Miscellaneous**  
**Amendments) Regulations 2023 [Draft]**

**Official Controls (Establishment Lists)**  
**Regulations 2023 [Draft]**

**Phytosanitary Conditions (Amendment)**  
**(No 2) Regulations 2023 [Draft]**

**The Convener (Finlay Carson):** Good morning, and welcome to the 25th meeting of the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee in 2023. We have received apologies from Beatrice Wishart and Jim Fairlie. I welcome to the meeting Christine Grahame, who is attending as a substitute. Karen Adam, Rhoda Grant and Christine Grahame are participating remotely this morning, which gives us all a bit more elbow room.

Before we begin, I remind members who are using electronic devices to turn them to silent.

Our first item of business is consideration of consent notifications for three United Kingdom statutory instruments. Do members have any comments on the consent notifications?

As no member wishes to comment, are members content to agree with the Scottish Government's decision to consent to the provisions that are set out in the notifications being included in UK, rather than Scottish, subordinate legislation?

**Members indicated agreement.**

**Regulatory Alignment with**  
**European Union Law**

10:46

**The Convener:** The committee will now consider the first report on the European Union law tracker.

The report was commissioned by the Scottish Parliament's Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee to provide an analysis of developments in EU law and Scots law. The intention is that it will enable the Parliament to monitor the Scottish Government's commitment to regulatory alignment. There is an expectation that subject committees will consider each EU law tracker report.

The clerks have set out the four case studies that relate to the remit of our committee. They propose that the committee write to the Scottish Government to ask a number of questions. Do members have any comments on the EU law tracker report?

As no member wishes to comment, are members content that the clerks write a letter to the Scottish Government with a number of questions?

**Members indicated agreement.**

**The Convener:** That concludes our business in public. We will now move into private session.

10:47

*Meeting continued in private until 12:11.*



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