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DELEGATED POWERS AND LAW REFORM COMMITTEE

35th Meeting 2023, Session 6

CONVENER

*Stuart McMillan (Greenock and Inverclyde) (SNP)

DEPUTY CONVENER

*Bill Kidd (Glasgow Anniesland) (SNP)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

*Jeremy Balfour (Lothian) (Con)

*Oliver Mundell (Dumfriesshire) (Con)

*Colin Smyth (South Scotland) (Lab)

*attended

CLERK TO THE COMMITTEE

Greg Black

LOCATION

The Adam Smith Room (CR5)

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[The Convener opened the meeting at 10:00]

Decision on Taking Business in Private

The Convener (Stuart McMillan): Good morning, and welcome to the 35th meeting in 2023 of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee. I remind everyone to switch off, or put to silent, mobile phones and other electronic devices.

The first item of business is to decide whether to take items 4, 5, 6 and 7 in private. Is the committee content to take those items in private?

Members *indicated agreement.*

Instrument subject to Affirmative Procedure

10:01

The Convener: Under agenda item 2, we are considering one instrument, on which no points have been raised.

Bus Services Improvement Partnerships (Objections) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 [Draft]

The Convener: Is the committee content with the instrument?

Members *indicated agreement.*

Instruments subject to Negative Procedure

10:01

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

Gender Recognition (Disclosure of Information) (Scotland) Order 2023 (SSI 2023/364)

Prisons and Young Offenders Institutions (Scotland) Amendment Rules 2023 (SSI 2023/366)

Meat Preparations (Import Conditions) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/367)

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Welfare Foods (Best Start Foods) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/371)

Conservation of Salmon (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/372)

The Convener: Is the committee content with the instruments?

Members *indicated agreement.*

The Convener: In relation to SSI 2023/364, does the committee wish to draw its correspondence with the Scottish Government to the attention of the Criminal Justice Committee, as it provides further information on how the instrument delivers the policy intention, and on factors that are relevant to the Scottish Government's consideration of the compliance of the instrument with convention rights?

Members *indicated agreement.*

The Convener: In relation to SSI 2023/366, does the committee also wish to draw its

correspondence with the Scottish Government to the attention of the Criminal Justice Committee, as that correspondence and the revised policy note that resulted from the correspondence clarify the policy intention?

Members *indicated agreement.*

The Convener: With that, I move the committee into private.

10:02

Meeting continued in private until 10:32.

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