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**DELEGATED POWERS AND LAW REFORM COMMITTEE**

**18<sup>th</sup> Meeting 2024, Session 6**

**CONVENER**

\*Stuart McMillan (Greenock and Inverclyde) (SNP)

**DEPUTY CONVENER**

\*Bill Kidd (Glasgow Anniesland) (SNP)

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

\*Foyso Choudhury (Lothian) (Lab)

\*Tim Eagle (Highlands and Islands) (Con)

\*Oliver Mundell (Dumfriesshire) (Con)

\*attended

**CLERK TO THE COMMITTEE**

Greg Black

**LOCATION**

The Adam Smith Room (CR5)



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## Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

Tuesday 28 May 2024

*[The Convener opened the meeting at 10:03]*

### Decision on Taking Business in Private

**The Convener (Stuart McMillan):** Welcome to the 18th meeting in 2024 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 5 and 6 in private. Is the committee content to take those items in private?

**Members** *indicated agreement.*

## Instruments subject to Negative Procedure

10:03

**The Convener:** Under agenda item 2, we are considering three instruments. An issue has been raised on the following instrument.

### Sheriff (Removal from Office) Order 2024 (SSI 2024/148)

**The Convener:** The order removes a sheriff who was found to be unfit for office from the office of sheriff. Under section 28(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010, instruments subject to the negative procedure must be laid at least 28 counting days before they come into force. The instrument breaches that requirement, as it was laid on 21 May 2024 and comes into force on 7 June.

In correspondence with the Presiding Officer, which will be published in full in the committee's report on the Scottish statutory instruments that are considered at this meeting, the Scottish Government explained why it is breaching the laying requirements.

Does the committee wish to draw the instrument to the attention of the Parliament on reporting ground (j), for failure to comply with the laying requirements?

**Members** *indicated agreement.*

**The Convener:** Also under this agenda item, no points have been raised on the following instruments.

### Seed (Fees) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/146)

### Teachers' Pension Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/147)

**The Convener:** Is the committee content with the instruments?

**Members** *indicated agreement.*

## Instrument not subject to Parliamentary Procedure

10:04

**The Convener:** Under agenda item 3, we are considering one instrument, on which no points have been raised.

### **Bail and Release from Custody (Scotland) Act 2023 (Commencement No 1) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/145 (C 13))**

**The Convener:** Is the committee content with the instrument?

**Members** *indicated agreement.*

## Document subject to Parliamentary Control

10:05

**The Convener:** Under agenda item 4, we are considering a document subject to parliamentary control, on which no points have been raised.

### **Proposed Revised Social Security Charter (SG/2024/96)**

**The Convener:** Is the committee content with the document?

**Members** *indicated agreement.*

**The Convener:** That concludes the public part of the meeting, and I will move the committee into private.

10:05

*Meeting continued in private until 10:39.*

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