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DELEGATED POWERS AND LAW REFORM COMMITTEE
24th Meeting 2024, Session 6

CONVENER

*Stuart McMillan (Greenock and Inverclyde) (SNP)

DEPUTY CONVENER

*Bill Kidd (Glasgow Anniesland) (SNP)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

*Jeremy Balfour (Lothian) (Con)

*Tim Eagle (Highlands and Islands) (Con)

*Daniel Johnson (Edinburgh Southern) (Lab)

*attended

CLERK TO THE COMMITTEE

Greg Black

LOCATION

The Adam Smith Room (CR5)

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[The Convener opened the meeting at 10:03]

Interests

The Convener (Stuart McMillan): Good morning, and welcome to the 24th meeting in 2024 of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee. I remind everyone to switch off, or put to silent, their mobile phones and other electronic devices.

The first item of business is a declaration of interests. In accordance with section 3 of the code of conduct, I invite Daniel Johnson MSP to declare any interests that are relevant to the remit of the committee.

Daniel Johnson (Edinburgh Southern) (Lab): Thank you for your welcome to the committee, convener. My entry in the register of interests shows that I am the director and sole shareholder of a limited company with retail interests.

The Convener: Thank you for that, and, once again, welcome to the committee.

Before we move to the next item on the agenda, I take this opportunity, on behalf of the committee, to thank Foyso Choudhury MSP for his contribution to the committee over the past months. We wish him all the very best for the future.

**Decision on Taking Business in
Private**

10:04

The Convener: The second item of business is to decide whether to take items 6, 7, 8 and 9 in private. Is the committee content to take those items in private?

Members *indicated agreement.*

Instruments subject to Affirmative Procedure

10:04

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

Vehicle Emissions Trading Schemes (Amendment) Order 2024 [Draft]

Plant Health (Import Inspection Fees) (Scotland) Amendment (No 2) Regulations 2024 [Draft]

The Convener: Is the committee content with the instruments?

Members *indicated agreement.*

Instruments subject to Negative Procedure

10:04

The Convener: Under agenda item 4, we are considering five instruments, on which no points have been raised.

Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) (No 2) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/216)

Charges for Residues Surveillance Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/218)

Academic Awards and Distinctions (SRUC) (Scotland) Order of Council 2024 (SSI 2024/219)

Scottish Criminal Cases Review Commission (Permitted Disclosure of Information) Order 2024 (SSI 2024/220)

Personal Injuries (NHS Charges) (Amounts) (Scotland) Amendment (No 2) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/225)

The Convener: Tim Eagle wants to comment.

Tim Eagle (Highlands and Islands) (Con): I just want to draw to the committee's attention an issue relating to Scottish statutory instrument 2024/218. Although I have no problems with the SSI, a 62.5 per cent increase in cost, from £5 million to £8 million, is predicted, and I wonder whether it is worth flagging that to the lead committee. Although the cost is spread over a broad base, it is important that we look at that, ultimately, for those who have to pay it.

The Convener: Is everyone content that we raise that with the lead committee?

Members *indicated agreement.*

The Convener: Notwithstanding that, is the committee content with the instruments?

Members *indicated agreement.*

Instrument not subject to Parliamentary Procedure

10:06

Meeting continued in private until 10:36.

10:05

The Convener: Under agenda item 5, we are considering one instrument, on which no points have been raised.

Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Act 2024 (Commencement No 1 and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/211 (C 17))

The Convener: Is the committee content with the instrument?

Members *indicated agreement.*

The Convener: That concludes the public part of the meeting.

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