

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

26th Meeting, 2023 (Session 6)

Tuesday, 19 September 2023

Scottish Government priorities relevant to the Committee's remit: evidence session with the Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands

1. [On 28 March](#), the Scottish Parliament approved the appointment of a new First Minister, Humza Yousaf MSP. The new First Minister reshuffled his Cabinet and created new portfolios. Mairi Gougeon MSP was given an expanded remit as Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands.
2. At its [meeting on 27 June 2023](#), the Committee agreed to invite the Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands to give evidence to the Committee on areas of her portfolio falling within the Committee's remit. These matters include—
 - Land reform and the Scottish Land Commission;
 - The Crown Estate Scotland;
 - Natural resources and peatland;
 - Marine operations and science.
3. In September 2023, the Scottish Government published its [Programme for Government](#), setting out its policy and legislative priorities for the coming year including a land reform bill.
4. At its meeting on 19 September, the Committee will hear from the Cabinet Secretary and supporting officials, as listed on the agenda. This will be a wide-ranging session covering all aspects of the Cabinet Secretary's portfolio falling within the remit of the Committee. An [update on her responsibilities](#) (and on those of Ministers reporting to her) was provided to the Committee on 8 September 2023.

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