The Committee will meet at 1.30pm in Easterbrook Hall, Dumfries.

1. **Protection of Wild Mammals (Scotland) Bill**: The Committee will take evidence at Stage 1 from—

   - The Earl of Dalhousie - Scottish Landowners’ Federation
   - Mr Ian Melrose - National Farmers’ Union of Scotland
   - Ralph Cobham - Borders’ Foundation for Rural Sustainability
   - Dr Bob Crabtree on behalf of the Macaulay Land Use Research Institute.

2. **Protection of Wild Mammals (Scotland) Bill**: The Committee will consider their conclusions on the evidence received in the preceding agenda item.

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**Richard Davies**  
Clerk to the Committee

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**The following papers are relevant to this meeting:**

**Agenda item 1: Protection of Wild Mammals (Scotland) Bill.**

- Brief supplementary notes of evidence and names of witnesses and their advisers are attached. These include:
  - Scottish Landowners Federation
  - National Farmers' Union of Scotland
  - Borders Foundation on Rural Sustainability – A full copy of the original report by the Borders Foundation for Rural Sustainability is also attached for Members. This contains appendices which were not contained in the photocopied evidence pack distributed in September.
  - Members are asked to bring the research report prepared by Macaulay Land Use Research Institute, *Economic Impacts of a Ban on Hunting with Dogs in Scotland*.
  - A letter from the Scottish Executive along with a summary of the Macaulay report is also attached.
Members are asked to bring with them copies of the Bill (SP Bill 10) and the explanatory notes and other accompanying documents (SP Bill 10 – EN) and the original evidence previously circulated (and available on the committee web page)