The Committee will meet at 10.00 am in Committee Room 1, Committee Chambers, to consider the following agenda items:

1. **Transport (Scotland) Bill**: The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 1).

2. **Subordinate Legislation**: The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—

   The Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/320)

3. **Genetically Modified Organisms (in private)**: The Committee will consider the possible contents of the Committee’s report on the issue of genetically modified organisms.

4. **Budget Process (in private)**: The Committee will consider its approach to the next stage of consideration of the Executive’s expenditure plans.

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In addition to the above papers, the Transport (Scotland) Bill and Accompanying Documents are also relevant to this meeting. Copies of the Marshalled List of Amendments will be available from the Document Supply Centre on the morning of the meeting and will be available at the start of the meeting in Committee Room 1. A list of the groupings of amendments will also be available at the start of the meeting.
The Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment)(Scotland) Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/320)


2. The order was laid under a "negative procedure" which means that the Parliament has power to annul the order by resolution within 40 days, excluding recess. The order comes into force on 5 October 2000. In the case of this order, the time limit for Parliamentary action expires on 6 November 2000.

3. Any MSP may lodge a motion to propose to the lead committee that the order be annulled. The Committee is required to report on the instrument by 30 October 2000. Consequently any member who wishes to lodge a motion to annul the instrument must do so in advance of the meeting on 25 October. Should a motion for annulment be lodged, under Rule 10.4, the Transport and the Environment Committee must debate the issue and then report to the Parliament with its decision.

4. The Subordinate Legislation Committee considered this instrument at its meeting on 19 September 2000. In its 33rd Report (SL/00/33R) the Subordinate Legislation Committee has determined that the attention of the Parliament need not be drawn to the instrument.

5. The Regulations implement Council Directives on assessment of certain public and private projects on the environment. The purpose of the instrument is to ensure that the competent authority (the Scottish Ministers) has appropriate information to enable it to decide whether to grant consent in regard to applications under sections 36 and 37 of the Electricity Act 1989 which are likely to have significant effects on the environment. Section 36 consent deals with applications to construct, extend or operate a generating station and section 37 consent deals with applications to install or keep installed an electric line above ground.

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