AGENDA

4th Meeting, 2008 (Session 3)

Wednesday, 5 March 2008

The Committee will meet at 10.45 am in Committee Room 6.

1. **Tourism inquiry - Growing pains: can we achieve a 50% growth in tourist revenue by 2015?:** The Committee will take evidence on ease of investment and wider issues as part of its tourism inquiry, from—

   - Sandy Orr, Executive Chairman, City Inn Ltd;
   - Dr Maurice Taylor, Chief Executive, Chardon Leisure;
   - Jerome Mayhew, Director of Business Development and Risk Management, Go Ape!;
   - Kenneth Clark, Head of Tourism, Scottish Development International;
   - Stewart Selbie, Area Manager, The Westin Turnberry Resort;
   - David T G Reid, Partner, Knight Frank LLP.

   Not before 12.15 pm.

2. **Subordinate legislation:** Jim Mather MSP (Minister for Enterprise, Energy and Tourism) to move S3M-01275—

   That the Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee recommends that the draft Renewables Obligation (Scotland) Amendment Order 2008 be approved.

3. **Subordinate legislation:** Jim Mather MSP (Minister for Enterprise, Energy and Tourism) to move S3M-01375—

   That the Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee recommends that the draft Official Statistics (Scotland) Order 2008 be approved.

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The papers for this meeting are as follows—

**Agenda Item 1**

Briefing paper from the Committee’s tourism adviser – PRIVATE PAPER

**Agenda Item 2**

SSI Cover Note – SSI/2008/draft

**Agenda Item 3**

SSI Cover Note – SSI/2008/draft

The following private papers are attached for information only and do not form part of the meeting:

Letter from Highlands and Islands Enterprise to Tavish Scott MSP (Hard copy only)

Letter from Scottish Enterprise to Tavish Scott MSP (Hard copy only)
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Subordinate Legislation

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Background

1. The Renewable Obligations (Scotland) Order (ROS) was first made in 2002 under powers contained in the Electricity Act 1989 and imposes an obligation on all licensed electricity suppliers supplying electricity in Scotland to provide an increasing percentage of that supply from qualifying renewable energy sources.

Changes introduced by this Order

2. Article 2(2) makes amendments in relation to the former Department of Trade and Industry (DTI). Any reference to the DTI will be replaced by “the Secretary of State”.

3. Article 2(3) simply corrects a previous drafting error by deleting “subject to subparagraph (c)” in article 24(4)(b).

4. Article 2(4) replaces schedule 1 and reduces the percentages of total supply requirements for wave and tidal falling to suppliers as part of their renewables obligation. The proposed amendments to the requirements, as well as the existing requirements, are shown in the table below. No explanation is provided in the Executive or Explanatory Notes for this reduction in the requirement.

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Subordinate Legislation Committee Report

5. The Subordinate Legislation Committee considered this instrument and agreed that no points arose in relation to the instrument.¹

Recommendation

6. The Committee is invited to decide whether it agrees or disagrees to the motion and to report its decision to the Parliament by 16 March 2008.

Stephen Imrie
Clerk to the Committee
February 2008

Title of Instrument | The Official Statistics (Scotland) Order 2008, (SSI 2008/draft)
Standing Order | 10.6.1 (a) (Affirmative)
Laid Date | 15 February 2008
Reporting Deadline | 28 March 2008

Background

1. The Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007 (2007 Act) established the Statistics Board, which will formally assume its role on 1 April 2008. The Scottish Parliament has previously agreed to a legislative consent motion for the Statistics and Registration Service Bill in February 2007.

2. The Statistics Board will be the legal successor body to the Office for National Statistics and will subsume the role currently performed by the Statistics Commission. The Statistics Board will also have a statutory responsibility to promote and safeguard the production and publication of official statistics that serve the public good, and the quality, good practice and comprehensiveness of official statistics. It will do this by developing a Code of Practice for Statistics. If official statistics comply with this Code, the Board will designate them as “National Statistics”. The Board’s responsibilities will cover the whole UK statistical system, including England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. Sir Alan Langlands will be one of the non-executive directors of the Statistics Board.

Provisions contained within the Order

3. The Official Statistics (Scotland) Order extends the definition of “official statistics” in the 2007 Act in order that wholly devolved statistics produced, or to be produced, by the Common Services Agency for the Scottish Health Service, the Higher Education Statistics Agency and the Student Loans Company Ltd. are specified as official statistics.

4. The Executive Note states that there is a pressing need to ensure that the statistics produced by these three public sector bodies are designated as official statistics in order that they fall under the remit of the Statistics Board when the new system commences on 1 April 2008.

5. The Executive Note also indicates that the Scottish Government intends to engage with other public sector bodies in the course of 2008 to discuss the value of designating their statistics as official statistics in order that their statistics come under the remit of the Statistics Board.
Subordinate Legislation Report

6. The Subordinate Legislation Committee did not have any comments to make in relation to this instrument.¹

Recommendation

7. The Committee is invited to decide whether it agrees the motion or not and to report its decision to the Parliament by 28 March 2008.

Stephen Imrie
Clerk to the Committee
February 2008