

Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee

2nd Meeting, 2022 (Session 6), Wednesday, 19 January

The Good Food Nation (Scotland) Bill

Stage 1 oral evidence session 2 – food policy approaches

1. The purpose of today's evidence session is to consider approaches to food policy and whether framework legislation, such as the Good Food Nation Bill, adequately addresses the issue of policy coherence in the food system.
2. The Bill was introduced to the Scottish Parliament on 7 October 2021. [Further information about the Bill](#) is provided on the Scottish Parliament's website.
3. The Committee considered and agreed its approach to its stage 1 inquiry on 3 November.

Written evidence

4. Following the Bill's introduction, the Committee launched a call for views on 5 November 2021. The call for views closed on 5 January 2022. To date, the Committee has received 63 [responses](#), which are available on the Scottish Parliament's website.

Oral evidence

5. At the meeting on 3 November 2021, the Committee agreed the following oral evidence sessions—

Committee meeting date	Evidence session topic
3 November 2021	Introductory evidence session with Scottish Government Officials. The Official Report of that meeting is available here: https://www.parliament.scot/chamber-and-committees/official-report/what-was-said-in-parliament/RAINE-03-11-2021?meeting=13385
19 January 2022	Food policy approaches

26 January 2022	Policy Outcomes Session 1 Panel 1: Social and Economic Wellbeing Panel 2: Supply Chain Resilience / Economic Development
2 February 2022	Policy Outcomes Session 2 Panel 1: Environment and Sustainability Panel 2: Public Health
9 February 2022	Public bodies
23 February 2022	Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and Islands
2/9 March 2022	Consideration of the Committee's stage 1 report
Friday 25 March 2022	Stage 1 deadline

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