

Chairs Report

Period of Report – 26 March to 17 June 2025

External Meetings

Date	Stakeholder	Reason for meeting / outcome
31/03/25	Four nations Ministerial Meeting	Subject Border Target Operating Model, implementation on the West coast.
03/04/25	Ministerial meeting – Jenni Minto	Publication of Allergen information. Meeting with Ms Minto and Public Health colleagues to discuss proposals for allergen labelling.
14/04/25	Rowett Institute	Gillian Purdon and Jacqui McElhinney also in attendance. Future collaboration and general updates on activity.
06/05/25	Pamela Scott, Chair Scotland Food and Drink	Introductory meeting at the request of recently appointed Chair, Scotland Food and Drink.
16/05/25	Quarterly meeting with FSA Chair and Chief Executive	
21/05/25	Pete Ritchie (Nourish Scotland) and Professor Wendy Russell (Rowett and SEFARI)	Discussion on Public Diners pilot projects and on improving the food environment in Scotland.
22/05/25	Four nations Ministerial Meeting	Subject Border Target Operating Model, and impact of Common Understanding Agreement with EU and SPS implications.
27/05/25	Mary Brennan, Edinburgh University	With Gillian Purdon. Bi-annual meeting on Scottish Food Coalition and the Living Good Food Nation Lab – which explores barriers to, and enablers of, food systems transformations.
09/06/25	Four nations Ministerial meeting	Subject Border Target Operating Model, and impact of Common Understanding Agreement with EU and SPS implications
11/06/25	Bi-annual meeting with NFUS Lisa Hislop (Policy Manager Supply Chains)	Gillian Purdon and Jacqui McElhinney in attendance.

Events/Conferences

Date	Event / conference
30/04/25	10-year anniversary staff engagement day
06/05/25	NFUS Parliamentary Reception – Profitability and Sustainability in Scottish Agriculture.
20/05/25	Tackline Dietary Health Inequalities in Scotland (Scottish Parliament Event). Evidence based insights into retail strategies that can address dietary health inequalities. (UKRI Funded Research FioFood and DioFood)
10/06/25	Health and Social Care Committee, annual attendance at Committee

Other Relevant Information

FSS/FSA Joint Annual Report 'Our Food 2024' – Shall be laid in Parliament on the 19 June 2026. Unfortunately the launch event at Scottish Parliament on 24 June has been cancelled due to Parliamentary business. Myself, Geoff Ogle and Ian McWatt will attend the FSA launch at The House of Commons on 02 July 2025.

15 May 2025 – the Chair had an article published on FSS Saltire Page for Mental Health Awareness Week titled 'The Power of Community'.

Appraisal meetings were held with all Non-Executive Board Members throughout May, as required in their contract.

13 May 2025 – the Chair contributed to the appraisal of the Chief Executive.

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Board Chair
18 June 2025