The meeting opened at 10.35 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private**: The Committee agreed to take item 3 in private.

2. **Legal Services (Scotland) Bill**: The Committee considered the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 1).

   Amendments 2 and 3 were agreed to (without division).

   The following amendments were agreed to (by division):

   219 (For 5, Against 3, Abstentions 0)
   221 (For 5, Against 3, Abstentions 0)
   224 (For 5, Against 3, Abstentions 0).

   The following amendments were disagreed to (by division):

   1 (For 3, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
   223 (For 4, Against 4, Abstentions 0; amendment disagreed to on casting vote)
   225 (For 3, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
   226 (For 4, Against 4, Abstentions 0; amendment disagreed to on casting vote)
   227 (For 3, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
   230 (For 3, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
   235 (For 4, Against 4, Abstentions 0; amendment disagreed to on casting vote).
Amendment 222 was pre-empted.

The following amendments were not moved: 220, 97, 228, 229, 231 and 232.

Section 3 was agreed to without amendment.

Sections 1, 2 and 4 were agreed to as amended.

The Committee ended consideration of the Bill for the day, amendment 235 having been disposed of.

3. **Scottish Court Service – proposed Framework Agreement (in private):** The Committee considered the proposed Framework Agreement between Scottish Ministers and the Scottish Court Service and agreed that it did not wish to make any comments on the document.

The meeting closed at 12.31 pm.

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