JUSTICE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

22nd Meeting, 2010 (Session 3)

Tuesday 29 June 2010

Present:

Bill Aitken (Convener) Robert Brown
Bill Butler (Deputy Convener) Cathie Craigie
Nigel Don James Kelly
Dave Thompson Maureen Watt (Committee Substitute)

Apologies were received from Stewart Maxwell.

The meeting opened at 10.10 am.

1. Decision on taking business in private: The Committee agreed to take item 5 in private.

2. Legal Services (Scotland) Bill: The Committee considered the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 4).

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 76, 389, 390, 391, 392, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 213, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 379, 91, 92, 93, 94, 214, 166, 215, 378, 95, 96, 167, 216, 168, 217 and 218.

Amendment 373 was disagreed to (by division): (For 3, Against 5, Abstentions 0).

Amendments 367, 368 and 374 were moved and, with the agreement of the Committee, withdrawn.

The following amendments were not moved: 76A, 364, 366, 369, 370 and 375.

Sections 94, 95, 100 and 102 and the long title were agreed to without amendment.

Sections 92, 93, 96, 98, 99 and 101 and schedule 9 were agreed to as amended.
The Committee completed Stage 2 consideration of the Bill.

3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee took evidence on the Criminal Legal Aid (Fixed Payments) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2010 (SSI 2010/237) from—

   Fergus Ewing MSP, Minister for Community Safety.

4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee considered the following negative instrument—

   the Police Pension Account (Scotland) Regulations 2010 (SSI 2010/232).

   The Committee agreed to make no recommendation in relation to the instrument.

5. **Law Reform Working Group (in private):** The Committee considered a further response from the Parliamentary Bureau on the parliamentary scrutiny of Bills arising from Scottish Law Commission reports. The Committee agreed to write again to the Parliamentary Bureau to request that subject committee conveners be consulted on the referral of all such Bills.

6. **Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee considered its approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1. It agreed a draft call for written evidence and to draw this to the attention of a range of relevant individuals and organisations. The Committee also agreed, initially, to invite the Association of Chief Police Officers in Scotland, the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service, the Law Society of Scotland and Scottish Women’s Aid to give oral evidence.

7. **Commissioner for Victims and Witnesses (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee considered its approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1. It agreed a draft call for written evidence and to draw this to the attention of a range of relevant individuals and organisations. The Committee also agreed, initially, to invite Families Outside, the Scottish Human Rights Commission, the Scottish Police Federation, the Victims’ Commissioner for England and Wales and Victim Support Scotland to give oral evidence.

The meeting closed at 12.04 pm.

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