



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

31st Meeting, 2013 (Session 4)

Tuesday 12 November 2013

Present:

Christian Allard	Roderick Campbell
John Finnie	Christine Grahame (Convener)
Alison McInnes	Margaret Mitchell
Elaine Murray (Deputy Convener)	John Pentland
Sandra White	

Also present: Kenny MacAskill, Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Graeme Pearson.

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. **Declaration of interests:** Christian Allard was invited to declare any relevant interests. Christian Allard indicated that he had no relevant interests to declare.
2. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take items 4 and 5 in private.
3. **Victims and Witnesses (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee considered the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 2).

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 77, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 63 and 64.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

79 (For 5, Against 4, Abstentions 0)
62 (For 5, Against 4, Abstentions 0).

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

59 (For 4, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
78 (For 4, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
80 (For 2, Against 7, Abstentions 0)
81 (For 1, Against 8, Abstentions 0)
82 (For 3, Against 4, Abstentions 2)

66 (For 3, Against 5, Abstentions 1).

The following amendments were moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn: 74, 55 and 61.

The following amendments were not moved: 56, 57, 58, 60, 75, 76, 83, 65 and 67.

The following provisions were agreed to without amendment: sections 1, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16.

The following provisions were agreed to as amended: sections 2, 3, 4, 6 and 9.

The Committee ended consideration of the Bill for the day section 16 having been agreed to.

Roderick Campbell indicated that he is a member of the Faculty of Advocates.

4. **Draft Budget Scrutiny 2014-15 (in private):** The Committee agreed its report to the Finance Committee on the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2014-15.
5. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee considered its work programme and agreed, in relation to the its consideration of the supplementary legislative consent memorandum on the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Bill: (a) to invite the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing to give evidence; and (b) to issue a call for written evidence.

The meeting closed at 1.01 pm.

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