



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

32nd Meeting, 2013 (Session 4)

Tuesday 19 November 2013

Present:

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| 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 9.16 am.

1. **Victims and Witnesses (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee considered the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 3).

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 49, 48, 50, 51, 52, 53 and 54.

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

- 70 (For 4, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
- 72 (For 4, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
- 93 (For 4, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
- 94 (For 4, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
- 95 (For 3, Against 6, Abstentions 0)
- 97 (For 3, Against 6, Abstentions 0)
- 98 (For 3, Against 6, Abstentions 0)
- 101 (For 4, Against 5, Abstentions 0).

The following amendments were moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn: 84, 69, 87, 91 and 92.

The following amendments were not moved: 85, 86, 68, 71, 73, 88, 89, 90, 96, 99 and 100.

The following provisions were agreed to without amendment: sections 17, 18, 20, 24, 28, 29, 31 and the Long Title.

The following provisions were agreed to as amended: sections 19, 21, 22, 23, 25 and 30.

The Committee completed Stage 2 consideration of the Bill.

2. **Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee took evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—

Murray Macara QC, Law Society of Scotland;

James Wolffe QC, Vice-Dean, Faculty of Advocates;

Michael Walker, Senior Policy Officer, Scottish Criminal Cases Review Commission;

Fraser Gibson, Head of Appeals Unit, Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service;

Alison Di Rollo, Head of National Sexual Crimes Unit, Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service;

Bronagh Andrew, Assistant Operations Manager, the TARA Project, Community Safety Glasgow.

Alison McInnes indicated that she is a member of the JUSTICE Scotland Council.

3. **Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Scotland) Act 2012:** The Committee deferred to a future meeting consideration of responses received.

4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee deferred to a future meeting consideration of the following negative instruments—

Title Conditions (Scotland) Act 2003 (Conservation Bodies) Amendment Order 2013 (SSI 2013/289);

Act of Sederunt (Commissary Business) (SSI 2013/291);

Drugs Courts (Scotland) Amendment Order 2013 (SSI 2013/302).

5. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee deferred to a future meeting consideration of the following instrument which is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session Amendment No. 6) (Miscellaneous) 2013 (SSI 2013/294).

The meeting closed at 12.25 pm.

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