JUSTICE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

35th Meeting, 2013 (Session 4)

Tuesday 3 December 2013

Present:

Christian Allard
John Finnie
Alison McInnes
Elaine Murray (Deputy Convener)
Sandra White

Roderick Campbell
Christine Grahame (Convener)
Margaret Mitchell
John Pentland

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take item 6 in private.

2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee took evidence on the Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisations (Removal from Register and Dissolution) Amendment Regulations 2013 [draft] from—

   John Swinney, Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth;

   Felicity Cullen, Legal Services, Scottish Government.

3. **Subordinate legislation:** John Swinney (Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth) moved—

   S4M-08390—That the Justice Committee recommends that the Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisations (Removal from Register and Dissolution) Amendment Regulations 2013 [draft] be approved.

   The motion was agreed to without debate or dissent.

4. **Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee took evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Assistant Chief Constable Malcolm Graham, Police Scotland;

Chief Superintendent David O’Connor, President, Association of Scottish Police Superintendents;

David Ross, Vice Chairman, Scottish Police Federation;

Shelagh McCall, Commissioner, Scottish Human Rights Commission;

Tony Kelly, Chair, Justice Scotland;

Alan McCloskey, Acting Deputy Chief Executive, Victim Support Scotland;

Sandie Barton, Helpline Manager and National Co-ordinator, Rape Crisis Scotland;

Lily Greenan, Manager, Scottish Women’s Aid.

Roderick Campbell indicated that he is a member of the Faculty of Advocates. Alison McInnes indicated that she is a member of the Justice Scotland Council.

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

   Criminal Legal Aid (Scotland) (Fees) Amendment Regulations 2013 (SSI 2013/320).

   The Committee agreed to write to the Scottish Government seeking information on the instrument and to consider the instrument again at its next meeting.

6. **Offender Rehabilitation Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (in private):** The Committee considered its approach to the legislative consent memorandum lodged by Kenny MacAskill, Cabinet Secretary for Justice (LCM(S4)27.1) and agreed to report to the Parliament.

The meeting closed at 1.16 pm.

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