JUSTICE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

36th Meeting, 2013 (Session 4)

Tuesday 10 December 2013

Present:

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

The meeting opened at 9.32 am.

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take items 5, 6 and 7 in private.

2. **Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Bill (UK Parliament legislation):**
The Committee took evidence on supplementary legislative consent memorandum LCM(S4) 22.2 from—

   Shona Robison, Minister for Commonwealth Games and Sport;
   
   Lesley Irving, Team Leader, Equality, Human Rights and Third Sector Division, and Stuart Foubister, Legal Services, Scottish Government.

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

   Professor Peter Duff, University of Aberdeen;
   
   Professor Pamela Ferguson, and Professor Fiona Raitt, University of Dundee;
   
   Professor James Chalmers, University of Glasgow;
   
   Professor John Blackie, University of Strathclyde;
Michael McMahon MSP.

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

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

   The Committee noted correspondence from the Law Society of Scotland and the Scottish Government and agreed to further consider the instrument in private under item 7.

5. **Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (in private)**: The Committee considered the evidence received on supplementary LCM(S4) 22.2 and agreed to further consider the supplementary LCM at its next meeting.

6. **EU issues (in private)**: The Committee considered developments in relation to its EU priorities, and its response to the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments (SPPA) Committee’s review of EU Rules. The Committee agreed: (a) its response to the SPPA Committee’s review of EU Rules; and (b) to further consider developments in relation to the UK Government’s 2014 EU opt-out decision at its meeting on 14 January 2014.

7. **Work programme (in private)**: The Committee considered its work programme and agreed to: (a) further consider the Criminal Legal Aid (Scotland) (Fees) Amendment Regulations 2013 (SSI 2013/320) at its next meeting; (b) report directly to the Parliament on the Second Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Bill (LCM(S4) 22.3); (c) consider its approach to the Assisted Suicide (Scotland) Bill concurrently with the Health and Sport Committee’s consideration of its approach to the Bill; and (d) reflect on evidence received on the Criminal Verdicts (Scotland) Bill in its Stage 1 report on the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill and delay its consideration of the Criminal Verdicts (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 until parliamentary consideration of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill has concluded.

The meeting closed at 12.26 pm.

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