1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take item 10 in private.

2. **Subordinate legislation (drink driving limit):** The Committee took evidence on the Road Traffic Act 1988 (Prescribed Limit) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 [draft] from—

   Kenny MacAskill, Cabinet Secretary for Justice, and Patrick Down, Policy Officer, Criminal Law and Licensing Division, Scottish Government.

3. **Subordinate legislation (drink driving limit):** Kenny MacAskill (Cabinet Secretary for Justice) moved—

   S4M-11277—That the Justice Committee recommends that the Road Traffic Act 1988 (Prescribed Limit) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 [draft] be approved.

   The motion was agreed to.

4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee took evidence on the Mutual Recognition of Criminal Financial Penalties in the European Union (Scotland) (No. 1) Order 2014 [draft] from—
Kenny MacAskill, Cabinet Secretary for Justice, and Neil Watt, Head of EU Implementation Team, Criminal Justice Division, Scottish Government.

5. **Subordinate legislation:** Kenny MacAskill (Cabinet Secretary for Justice) moved—

S4M-11278—That the Justice Committee recommends that the Mutual Recognition of Criminal Financial Penalties in the European Union (Scotland) (No. 1) Order 2014 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to.

6. **Draft Budget Scrutiny 2015-16:** The Committee took evidence on the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2015-16 from—

Derek Penman, HM Inspector of Constabulary in Scotland;

Tina Yule, Lead Inspector, HM Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland;

Chief Superintendent Niven Rennie, President, Association of Scottish Police Superintendents;

Stevie Diamond, Police Staff Scotland Branch, Unison.

7. **Public petitions:** The Committee considered the following petitions and agreed in relation to—

PE1280 by Dr Kenneth Faulds and Julie Love on fatal accident inquiries: to note developments, to write to the Scottish Government seeking an update on the timescale for the introduction of legislation on fatal accident inquiries, and to consider the petition again once that legislation has been introduced;

PE1370 by Dr Jim Swire, Professor Robert Black QC, Robert Forrester, Father Patrick Keegans and Iain McKie on behalf of Justice for Megrahi: to monitor the progress being made between Justice for Megrahi and Police Scotland and to consider the petition again at a future meeting;

PE1427 by Robert Kirkwood on behalf of Leith Links Residents' Association on multi-party actions: to write to the Scottish Government asking it to specifically include the petitioner in its consultation on its approach to matters that will be taken forward by primary legislation following Sheriff Principal Taylor's recommendations and to respond to the petitioners' concerns about the withholding of documents by private companies, and to keep the petition open until after the Scottish Government has developed its approach to this issue;

PE1449 by Dr John Wallace Hinton on behalf of Accountability Scotland on the Scottish Committee of the Administrative Justice and Tribunals Council: to draw the attention of the Scottish Government and Advisory
Committee to the letters from Accountability Scotland and the original petitioner, and to close the petition;

PE1479 by Andrew Muir on complaints about solicitors: to keep the petition open and await the outcome of the Scottish Legal Complaints Commission's consultation on its proposal to increase the legal aid time bar from one year to three years with effect from 1 January 2015;

PE1501 by Stuart Graham on public inquiries into self-inflicted and accidental deaths following suspicious death investigations: to write to the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service to ascertain the level of investigation carried out into the 4,000 deaths classed as self-inflicted in the last five years and to consider the petition as part of its scrutiny of the forthcoming legislation on fatal accident inquiries;

PE1504 by Kathie Mclean-Toremar on party litigants - civil appeals to the Supreme Court: to close the petition on the basis that it has been considered in the context of the Courts Reform (Scotland) Bill, which has completed its parliamentary passage;

PE1510 by Jody Curtis on the closure of police, fire and non-emergency service centres north of Dundee: to keep the petition open to allow relevant issues to be raised in the context of its scrutiny of the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2015-16;

PE1511 by Laura Ross on the decision made by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service to close Inverness control room: to keep the petition open to allow relevant issues to be raised in the context of its scrutiny of the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2015-16.

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

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

   Legal Aid and Assistance By Way of Representation (Fees for Time at Court and Travelling) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/257).

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

9. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee considered the following instrument which is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—


   The Committee endorsed the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee's comments on the instrument.

10. **Serious Crime Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (in private):** The Committee considered its approach to the legislative consent memorandum lodged by
Kenny MacAskill (LCM(S4)33.1) and agreed to consider the responses to the Scottish Government’s consultation on the issue and to take evidence from the Cabinet Secretary for Justice at a future meeting.

The meeting closed at 12.12 pm.

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