JUSTICE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
19th Meeting, 2015 (Session 4)
Tuesday 2 June 2015

Present:
Christian Allard
Roderick Campbell
Christine Grahame (Convener)
Margaret Mitchell
Gil Paterson

Jayne Baxter
John Finnie
Alison McInnes
Elaine Murray (Deputy Convener)

Also present: Michael Matheson, Cabinet Secretary for Justice.

The meeting opened at 10.31 am.

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take items 4 and 5 in private.

2. **Prisoners (Control of Release) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee considered the Bill at Stage 2.

   The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—
   1  (For 8, Against 0, Abstentions 1)
   2  (For 8, Against 0, Abstentions 1)
   3  (For 8, Against 0, Abstentions 1)
   4  (For 8, Against 0, Abstentions 1).

   The following amendments were moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn: 1A and 5.

   The following provisions were agreed to without amendment: sections 2 and 4.

   The following provisions were agreed to as amended: sections 1 and 3 and the Long Title.

   The Committee completed Stage 2 consideration of the Bill.
3. **Scotland's National Action Plan for Human Rights**: The Committee received an update from John Finnie, rapporteur to Scotland's National Action Plan (SNAP) for Human Rights, on progress on the SNAP process.

4. **Community Justice (Scotland) Bill (in private)**: The Committee agreed (a) the timetable for its consideration of the Bill at Stage 1; (b) witnesses; and (c) to delegate to the Convener authority to approve the final composition of witness panels.

5. **Inquiries into Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths etc. (Scotland) Bill (in private)**: The Committee further considered the evidence received in order to inform the drafting of its Stage 1 report.

The meeting closed at 12.01 pm.

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