Present:

Mairi Evans  
John Finnie  
Rona Mackay (Deputy Convener)  
Liam McArthur  
Douglas Ross  
Alexander Stewart (Committee Substitute)  
Mary Fee  
Fulton MacGregor  
Ben Macpherson  
Oliver Mundell  
Stewart Stevenson

Also present: Annabelle Ewing, Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs.

Apologies were received from Margaret Mitchell (Convener).

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Scottish Fire and Rescue Service:** The Committee reviewed the operation of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 as it relates to the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service by taking evidence from—

   Alasdair Hay, Chief Officer, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service;

   Pat Watters, Chair, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Board;

   Chris McGlone, Executive Council Member, Region 1, Scotland, Fire Brigades Union;

   Derek Jackson, Branch Secretary, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Branch, Unison Scotland.
2. **Limitation (Childhood Abuse) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee considered the Bill at Stage 2.

   Amendment 1 was agreed to (without division).

   Amendment 2 was disagreed to (by division: For 3, Against 7, Abstentions 1).

   The following provisions were agreed to without amendment: sections 2 and 3 and the long title.

   Section 1 was agreed to as amended.

   The Committee completed Stage 2 consideration of the Bill.

3. **Justice Sub-Committee on Policing:** The Committee considered and noted a report back from the Convener of the Sub-Committee on the meeting held on 18 May 2017.

   The meeting closed at 11.44 am.

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