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21st Meeting 2013, Session 4

CONVENER

*Christine Grahame (Midlothian South, Tweeddale and Lauderdale) (SNP)

DEPUTY CONVENER

*Jenny Marra (North East Scotland) (Lab)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

*Roderick Campbell (North East Fife) (SNP)

*John Finnie (Highlands and Islands) (Ind)

*Colin Keir (Edinburgh Western) (SNP)

*Alison McInnes (North East Scotland) (LD)

David McLetchie (Lothian) (Con)

*Graeme Pearson (South Scotland) (Lab)

*Sandra White (Glasgow Kelvin) (SNP)

*attended

THE FOLLOWING ALSO PARTICIPATED:

John Lamont (Ettrick, Roxburgh and Berwickshire) (Con) (Committee Substitute)

CLERK TO THE COMMITTEE

Irene Fleming

LOCATION

Committee Room 1

Scottish Parliament

Justice Committee

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[The Convener *opened the meeting at 11:07*]

Decision on Taking Business in Private

The Convener (Christine Grahame): Welcome to the Justice Committee's 21st meeting in 2013. I ask everyone to switch off mobile phones and other electronic devices completely as they interfere with the broadcasting system, even when switched to silent. Apologies have been received from David McLetchie, and John Lamont is attending as a substitute.

Under agenda item 1, the committee is invited to agree to take item 4 in private. It is proposed that we take that item in private, as it involves discussing our approach to scrutiny of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill, which will include discussion of possible witnesses. Do members agree to take item 4 in private?

Members *indicated agreement.*

Subordinate Legislation

Dangerous Dogs (Fees) (Scotland) Order 2013 (SSI 2013/178)

11:07

The Convener: Agenda item 2 is consideration of four negative Scottish statutory instruments. The first is the Dangerous Dogs (Fees) (Scotland) Order 2013 (SSI 2013/178), which increases the fee for a certificate of exemption from £20 plus VAT to £77 plus VAT, to address the rising costs of administering the index of exempted dogs. The Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee is content with the order.

As members have no comments, are we content to make no recommendation on the order?

Members *indicated agreement.*

Police Reform (Pensions Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2013 (SSI 2013/184)

Firemen's Pension Scheme (Amendment) (Scotland) (No 2) Order 2013 (SSI 2013/185)

Fire Reform (Pensions Amendments) (Scotland) Order 2013 (SSI 2013/186)

The Convener: We will take the next three instruments together, as they all relate to police and fire pensions. The instruments amend various pensions instruments to make consequential changes arising from the creation of the Police Service of Scotland, the Scottish Police Authority and the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service. There were no comments from the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on the instruments. Do members have any comments?

John Finnie (Highlands and Islands) (Ind): There might be a procedural reason for this, but I find it very peculiar that the title of any piece of legislation that ends with "2013" should open with the phrase "Firemen's Pension Scheme" when, of course, the scheme is for firefighters.

The Convener: I am told that that is the way the legislation works.

John Finnie: Okay. We maybe need to change the way the legislation works, then.

The Convener: I will leave you to think about that over the summer recess.

Are members content to make no recommendations in relation to the instruments?

Members *indicated agreement.*

**Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of
Session Amendment No 4)
(Miscellaneous) 2013 (SSI 2013/162)**

11:10

Meeting continued in private until 11:51.

The Convener: Agenda item 3 is an item of subordinate legislation that is not subject to parliamentary procedure. The instrument makes a number of amendments to the Rules of the Court of Session 1994. We are considering the instrument because the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee has drawn our attention to it on the ground that the meaning of a particular savings provision could have been made clearer. That is the old Subordinate Legislation Committee—I keep forgetting that it has that posh name now.

As members have no comments, are we happy to endorse the conclusions that the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee reached?

Members *indicated agreement.*

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