



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

10th Meeting, 2009 (Session 3)

Tuesday 24 March 2009

Present:

Bill Aitken (Convener)
Bill Butler (Deputy Convener)
Cathie Craigie
Paul Martin

Robert Brown
Angela Constance
Nigel Don
Stewart Maxwell

The meeting opened at 10.19 am.

1. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee considered the High Court of Justiciary Fees Amendment Order 2009 (SSI 2009/87); the Court of Session etc. Fees Amendment Order 2009 (SSI 2009/88); the Sheriff Court Fees Amendment Order 2009 (SSI 2009/89) and took evidence from—

Gordon Wales, Director of Operational Support, Scottish Court Service.

The Committee agreed to make no recommendations in relation to the instruments.

2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee considered the following negative instruments—

the Police Grant (Scotland) Order 2009 (SSI 2009/80);

Act of Sederunt (Fees of Solicitors in the Sheriff Court) (Amendment) 2009 (SSI 2009/81);

and agreed to make no recommendations in relation to the instruments.

3. **Sexual Offences (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee considered the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 2).

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 76, 26, 77, 27, 78, 79, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 80, 81, 82, 83, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 44, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108 and 109.

Amendment 132 was moved and, with the agreement of the Committee, withdrawn.

Sections 9, 12, 14, 20 and 21 were agreed to without amendment.

Sections 10, 11, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30 were agreed to as amended.

The Committee ended consideration of the Bill for the day, section 30 having been agreed to.

The meeting closed at 11.00 am.

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