Present:

Bill Aitken (Convener)  Robert Brown
Bill Butler (Deputy Convener)  Angela Constance
Cathie Craigie  Nigel Don
James Kelly  Stewart Maxwell

Also present: Richard Baker, Aileen Campbell, Rhoda Grant, Trish Godman and John Scott.

The meeting opened at 10.13 am.

1. **Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee considered whether to take evidence on Stage 2 amendments raising significant issues not considered during Stage 1. The Committee agreed to seek oral and written evidence on amendments 10 and 10A (minimum sentence for having in a public place an article with a blade or point); amendments 399-402 (new offence of stalking) and 378 (new offence of threatening, alarming or distressing behaviour); and amendments 370 (penalties for offences of brothel-keeping and living on the earnings of prostitution) and 8, 8A-8D, 9 and 9A (offences of engaging in, advertising and facilitating paid-for sexual activities).

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

   the Transfer of Property etc. (Scottish Court Service) Order 2010 (SSI 2010/40);

   the Scottish Court Service (Corporate Plan) Order 2010 (SSI 2010/41).

The Committee agreed to make no recommendations in relation to the instruments.
3. **Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee considered the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 1).

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 33, 35, 36, 37, 41, 43, 13, 47, 50 and 51.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

- 38 (For 5, Against 3, Abstentions 0)
- 40 (For 5, Against 3, Abstentions 0)
- 12 (For 5, Against 3, Abstentions 0)
- 14 (For 4, Against 4, Abstentions 0; amendment agreed to on casting vote)
- 49 (For 5, Against 3, Abstentions 0)
- 53 (For 4, Against 1, Abstentions 3)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

- 26 (For 4, Against 4, Abstentions 0; amendment disagreed to on casting vote)
- 27 (For 4, Against 4, Abstentions 0; amendment disagreed to on casting vote)
- 28 (For 1, Against 7, Abstentions 0)
- 29 (For 1, Against 7, Abstentions 0)
- 32 (For 3, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
- 39 (For 1, Against 7, Abstentions 0)
- 52 (For 1, Against 4, Abstentions 3)

Amendment 394 was moved and, with the agreement of the Committee, withdrawn.

Amendment 16 was pre-empted.

The following amendments were not moved: 30, 31, 34, 42, 44, 45, 46, 48, 15 and 54.

Sections 3 and 4 were agreed to without amendment.

Schedule 1 was agreed to as amended.

The Committee ended consideration of the Bill for the day, amendment 394 having been disposed of.

4. **Legal Services (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee considered a revised draft Stage 1 report. Various changes were agreed to. The Committee agreed to consider a further draft at its next meeting.

The meeting closed at 1.15 pm.