



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

**JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

**4th Meeting, 2011 (Session 4)**

**Tuesday 28 June 2011**

Present:

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| Roderick Campbell             | John Finnie    |
| Christine Grahame (Convener)  | Colin Keir     |
| James Kelly (Deputy Convener) | John Lamont    |
| Alison McInnes                | Graeme Pearson |
| Humza Yousaf                  |                |

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take item 4 in private.
2. **The Scottish Government's justice priorities for Session 4:** The Committee took evidence from—

Kenny MacAskill MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Justice;

Roseanna Cunningham MSP, Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs.

3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee considered the following negative instrument—

the Knife Dealer's Licence (Historical Re-enactment Events) (Scotland) Order 2011 (SSI/2011/263).

The Committee agreed to make no recommendation in relation to the instrument.

4. **Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee considered its approach to further scrutiny of the Bill and agreed: (1) to invite all previous witnesses to provide

supplementary written evidence; (2) to circulate the call for written evidence to a number of additional organisations; (3) an initial list of witnesses for its first meetings in September; (4) to commission a SPICe briefing on football-related disorder elsewhere in the world and how it is dealt with; and (5) to request permission from the Conveners Group for some members to make a visit in connection with the Bill.

The meeting closed at 11.39 am.

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