



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

2nd Meeting, 2015 (Session 4)

Tuesday 13 January 2015

Present:

Christian Allard	Jayne Baxter
Roderick Campbell	Christine Grahame (Convener)
Alison McInnes	Margaret Mitchell
Elaine Murray (Deputy Convener)	Gil Paterson

Apologies were received from John Finnie.

The meeting opened at 10.15 am.

1. **Declaration of interests:** Jayne Baxter was invited to declare any relevant interests. Ms Baxter indicated that she had no interests to declare.
2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take item 4 in private.
3. **Prisoners (Control of Release) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee took evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
 - Dr Monica Barry, Principal Research Fellow, University of Strathclyde;
 - Lisa Mackenzie, Policy and Public Affairs Manager, Howard League Scotland;
 - Pete White, National Co-ordinator, Positive Prison? Positive Futures;
 - Professor Alan Miller, Chair, Scottish Human Rights Commission;
 - Sarah Crombie, Acting Director of Corporate Services, Victim Support Scotland.
4. **Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee considered its approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1 and

agreed (a) the timetable for scrutiny of the Bill; (b) to issue a call for written evidence; and (c) to further consider at a future meeting a list of suggested witnesses.

The meeting closed at 11.45 am.

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