



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

6th Meeting, 2015 (Session 4)

Tuesday 24 February 2015

Present:

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

Apologies were received from Alison McInnes.

The meeting opened at 9.46 am.

1. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee took evidence on the European Protection Order (Scotland) Regulations 2015 [draft] from—

Paul Wheelhouse, Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs, Neil Robertson, EU Policy Manager, and Craig McGuffie, Directorate for Legal Services, Scottish Government.

2. **Subordinate legislation:** Paul Wheelhouse (Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs) moved—

S4M-12361—That the Justice Committee recommends that the European Protection Order (Scotland) Regulations 2015 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to.

3. **Agricultural crime:** The Committee took evidence, in round-table format, from—

Catriona Dalrymple, Head of Policy Division, Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service;

Jamie Smart, Chair, Legal and Technical Committee, National Farmers Union Scotland;

Martin Malone, Regional Manager Scotland, NFU Mutual;

Detective Chief Superintendent Robbie Allan, Divisional Crime, Police Scotland;

Dr Robert Smith, Robert Gordon University;

Douglas Scott, Senior Policy Adviser, Scottish Borders Council;

Teresa Dougall, South East and South West Regional Manager, Scottish Land and Estates.

4. **Prisoners (Control of Release) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee took evidence, in round-table format, on the Bill at Stage 1 from—

Lisa Mackenzie, Policy and Public Affairs Manager, Howard League Scotland;

Pete White, National Co-ordinator, Positive Prison? Positive Futures;

Yvonne Gailey, Chief Executive, Risk Management Authority;

Eric Murch, Director of Operations, Scottish Prison Service;

Sean McKendrick, Social Work Scotland;

Professor Fergus McNeill, Professor of Criminology and Social Work, University of Glasgow;

Professor Cyrus Tata, Professor of Law and Criminal Justice, University of Strathclyde;

Sarah Crombie, Acting Director of Corporate Services, Victim Support Scotland.

The meeting closed at 12.37 pm.

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