



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

**JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

**9th Meeting, 2015 (Session 4)**

**Tuesday 17 March 2015**

Present:

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

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take items 3 and 4 in private.
2. **Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee took evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
  - Paul Broadbent, Chief Executive, Gangmasters Licensing Authority;
  - Helen Martin, Assistant Secretary, Scottish Trades Union Congress;
  - Ian Cruxton, Director of National Crime Agency Organised Crime Command, UK Human Trafficking Centre.
3. **Prisoners (Control of Release) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee considered a draft Stage 1 report. Various changes were agreed (one by division). The report, as amended, was agreed to.
4. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee considered its work programme and agreed: (a) witnesses for its forthcoming evidence session on the operation of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 as it affects the fire and rescue service; and (b) to invite Immigration Enforcement to provide written evidence on the Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Bill.

The meeting closed at 12.51 pm.

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