



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

10th Meeting, 2015 (Session 4)

Tuesday 24 March 2015

Present:

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 10.18 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—

Siobhan Rearden, Programme Director, Amnesty International Scotland;

Euan Page, Parliamentary Affairs Manager, Equality and Human Rights Commission;

Kirsty Thomson, Legal Services Agency;

James Wolffe QC, Dean, Faculty of Advocates;

James Mulgrew, Member, Criminal Law Committee, Law Society of Scotland;

Assistant Chief Constable Malcolm Graham, Police Scotland;

Moira McKinnon, Chair, Scottish Child Protection Committee Chairs Forum;

Rt. Hon. Frank Mulholland QC, Lord Advocate, Kathleen Harper, National Sexual Crimes Unit, and Catriona Dalrymple, Head of Policy Division, Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service.

Roderick Campbell declared interests as a member of Amnesty International and of the Faculty of Advocates. John Finnie declared an interest as a member of Amnesty International.

3. **Inquiries into Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths etc. (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee considered its approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1 and (a) agreed the timetable for the scrutiny of the Bill; (b) agreed to issue a call for written evidence; and (c) considered a list of suggested witnesses.
4. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee considered its work programme and agreed to write to the Office of Surveillance Commissioners seeking comments on how the Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Scotland) Act 2000 is being used in practice.

The meeting closed at 12.51 pm.

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