



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

11th Meeting, 2015 (Session 4)

Tuesday 31 March 2015

Present:

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

Also present: Jenny Marra (item 2).

Apologies were received from Alison McInnes.

The meeting opened at 10.02 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—

Michael Matheson, Cabinet Secretary for Justice, Ann Oxley, Criminal Law and Licensing Division, and Kevin Gibson, Directorate for Legal Services, Scottish Government.

Roderick Campbell declared an interest as a member of the Faculty of Advocates.

3. **Inquiries into Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths etc. (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee further considered its approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1 and agreed panels of witnesses for its forthcoming evidence sessions.
4. **Apologies (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee considered its approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1 and (a) agreed the timetable for

scrutiny of the Bill; (b) agreed to issue a call for written evidence; and (c) considered a list of suggested witnesses.

Margaret Mitchell did not participate in this item by virtue of Rule 9.13A.2(b).

The meeting closed at 11.54 am.

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