



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

14th Meeting, 2015 (Session 4)

Tuesday 5 May 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 10.00 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take item 5 in private.
2. **Inquiries into Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths etc. (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee took evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
 - Lord Cullen of Whitekirk;
 - Julie Love, Chairperson, Death Abroad - You're Not Alone;
 - Louise Taggart, Founder Member, Families Against Corporate Killers;
 - Flt Lt James Jones RAF (Rtd), Campaigner.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee considered the following negative instruments—
 - Firemen's Pension Scheme (Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/140);
 - Firefighters' Pension Schemes (Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/141);

Police Pension Scheme (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/142);

Firefighters' Compensation Scheme and Pension Scheme (Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/143);

Firemen's Pension Scheme (Amendment No. 2) (Scotland) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/173);

Police Pensions (Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/174).

The Committee agreed to endorse the comments made by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee in relation to SSIs 2015/140, 2015/141, 2015/142 and 2015/143, and to make no recommendations in relation to the instruments.

4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee considered the following instrument which was not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Act of Adjournment (Criminal Procedure Rules Amendment No. 2) (European Protection Orders) 2015 (SSI 2015/121).

The Committee agreed to endorse the comments made by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee and to note the instrument. The Committee also agreed to write to the Scottish Government highlighting its concern about the number of instruments it considers which contain drafting defects.

5. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee considered its work programme and agreed to (a) take evidence on Scottish Government amendments to the Prisoners (Control of Release) (Scotland) Bill on 27 May, prior to disposing of them at Stage 2; and (b) invite written evidence on the amendments to inform the evidence session.

The meeting closed at 11.34 am.

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