



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

17th Meeting, 2015 (Session 4)

Tuesday 26 May 2015

Present:

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

Apologies were received from Margaret Mitchell.

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take item 5 in private.
2. **Prisoners (Control of Release) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee took evidence on the Bill at Stage 2 from—

Michael Matheson, Cabinet Secretary for Justice, Scottish Government.
3. **Inquiries into Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths etc. (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee took evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—

Lesley Thomson, Solicitor General for Scotland;

Stephen McGowan, Procurator Fiscal, Major Crime and Fatalities Investigation, Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service;

Paul Wheelhouse, Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs, Hamish Goodall, Policy Officer, Civil Law and Legal System Division, and Greig Walker, Solicitor, Directorate for Legal Services, Scottish Government.
4. **Annual report:** The Committee considered a draft annual report for the

parliamentary year from 11 May 2014 to 10 May 2015. Various changes were agreed to and the Committee agreed its report to the Parliament.

5. **Inquiries into Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths etc. (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee considered the evidence received and agreed to further consider the evidence received at a future meeting in order to inform the drafting of its Stage 1 report.

The meeting closed at 12.46 pm.

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