



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

22nd Meeting, 2015 (Session 4)

Tuesday 23 June 2015

Present:

Christian Allard	Jayne Baxter
Roderick Campbell	John Finnie
Alison McInnes	Margaret Mitchell (except item 5)
Elaine Murray (Deputy Convener)	Gil Paterson

Apologies were received from Christine Grahame (Convener).

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take item 7 in private.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee took evidence on the Advice and Assistance (Assistance by Way of Representation) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 2015 [draft] from—

Paul Wheelhouse, Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs,
Scottish Government.

3. **Subordinate legislation:** Paul Wheelhouse (Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs) moved—

S4M-13502—That the Justice Committee recommends that the Advice and Assistance (Assistance by Way of Representation) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 2015 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to.

4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee considered the following negative instrument—

All-Scotland Sheriff Court (Sheriff Personal Injury Court) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/213).

The Committee agreed to make no recommendation in relation to the instrument.

5. **Apologies (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee took evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—

Margaret Mitchell, Member in Charge of the Bill, Scottish Parliament.

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

6. **EU priorities:** The Committee noted correspondence received from the Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs in relation to migration and EU e-justice, and from the Convener of the European and External Relations Committee on its forthcoming work on migration.
7. **Inquiries into Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths etc. (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee considered a draft Stage 1 report. Various changes were agreed to and the Committee agreed its report to the Parliament.

The meeting closed at 11.38 am.

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