



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

23rd Meeting, 2015 (Session 4)

Tuesday 1 September 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. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take items 6 and 7 in private.
2. **Community Justice (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee took evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—

Rt Hon Dame Elish Angiolini, former Chair, Commission on Women Offenders;

Mark Roberts, Senior Manager, Audit Scotland;

Cleland Sneddon, Executive Director, Community Services, Argyll and Bute Council, representing the Society of Local Authority Chief Executives and Senior Managers (SOLACE) Scotland.

3. **Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill:** Christine Grahame (Convener) moved—

S4M-14094--That the Justice Committee considers the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill at Stage 2 in the following order: Part 2 (with schedule 2 being taken after section 61), Parts 3 to 5, Part 6 (with schedule 3 being taken after section 87), Part 1 (with schedule 1 being taken after section 52), Part 7 and the long title (with any amendment inserting a new Part

before or after an existing Part being taken before or after the existing Part in accordance with this order).

The motion was agreed to.

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

Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service (Administrative Support) (Specified Persons) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/224);

Scottish Sentencing Council (Procedure for Appointment of Members) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/225).

In relation to SSI 2015/225, the Committee agreed to write to the office of the Lord Justice General seeking information on whether the appointment procedure would take cognisance of the Scottish Government's equality agenda. The Committee agreed to make no recommendations in relation to the instruments.

5. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee considered the following instruments which were not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session 1994 and Sheriff Court Rules Amendment) (No. 2) (Personal Injury and Remits) (SSI 2015/227);

Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session 1994 Amendment) (No. 3) (Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014) 2015 (SSI 2015/228).

The Committee agreed to endorse the comments made by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee and to note the instruments.

6. **Community Justice (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee agreed to invite a number of additional witnesses to give evidence on the Bill at Stage 1.
7. **Inquiries into Deaths (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 11.57 am.

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