



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

31st Meeting, 2015 (Session 4)

Tuesday 10 November 2015

Present:

Christian Allard	Roderick Campbell
John Finnie	Christine Grahame (Convener)
Margaret McDougall	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 10, 11 and 12 in private.
2. **Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm (Scotland) Bill - witness expenses:** The Committee agreed to delegate to the Convener responsibility for arranging for the SPCB to pay, under Rule 12.4.3, any expenses of witnesses on the Bill.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee took evidence on the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 (Consequential and Supplemental Provisions) Order 2015 [draft] from—

Paul Wheelhouse, Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs,
Scottish Government.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** Paul Wheelhouse (Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs) moved—

S4M-14683—That the Justice Committee recommends that the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 (Consequential and Supplemental Provisions) Order 2015 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to.

5. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee took evidence on the Scottish Tribunals (Administrative Support for Listed Tribunals) Order 2015 [draft] from—

Paul Wheelhouse, Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs, and Sandra Wallace, Civil Law and Legal System Division, Scottish Government.

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

S4M-14684—That the Justice Committee recommends that the Scottish Tribunals (Administrative Support for Listed Tribunals) Order 2015 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to.

7. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee took evidence on the Scottish Tribunals (Listed Tribunals) Regulations 2015 [draft] from—

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

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

S4M-14685—That the Justice Committee recommends that the Scottish Tribunals (Listed Tribunals) Regulations 2015 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to.

9. **HM Chief Inspector of Prisons for Scotland Annual Report 2014-15:** The Committee took evidence from—

David Strang, HM Chief Inspector of Prisons for Scotland.

The Committee agreed to write to the Scottish Government seeking its comments on a number of issues raised during the evidence session.

10. **Community Justice (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee considered a revised draft Stage 1 report. Various changes were agreed to and the Committee agreed its report to the Parliament.

11. **Draft Budget Scrutiny 2016-17 (in private):** The Committee considered its approach to the scrutiny of the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2016-17 and agreed to (a) issue a general call for written evidence; and (b) invite representatives of the police and fire and rescue services and the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service to give oral evidence and to provide written evidence in advance of the oral evidence sessions.

12. **Victims' Rights (Scotland) Regulations 2015 [draft] (in private):** The Committee considered its approach to its scrutiny of the draft instrument and

agreed to invite written evidence from those organisations that responded to the Committee's call for evidence on the Victims and Witnesses (Scotland) Act 2014 before taking oral evidence on the Regulations from the Scottish Government.

The meeting closed at 12.12 pm.

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