



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

**JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

**9th Meeting, 2016 (Session 4)**

**Tuesday 8 March 2016**

Present:

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

Also present: Michael Matheson, Cabinet Secretary for Justice (item 3).

Apologies were received from Margaret McDougall.

The meeting opened at 10.01 am.

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take items 5 and 6 in private.
2. **Family Law (Scotland) Act 2006:** The Committee took evidence, in round-table format, from—
  - Stephen Brand, Family Law Sub-Committee, Law Society of Scotland;
  - Jennifer Gallagher, Family Law Association Scotland;
  - Louise Johnson, Legal Issues Worker, Scottish Women's Aid;
  - June Loudoun, Grandparents Apart UK;
  - Kirsty Malcolm, Advocate;
  - Ian Maxwell, Families Need Fathers.
3. **Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee considered the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 2).

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65 and 66.

Amendment 2 was disagreed to (by division: For 2, Against 6, Abstentions 0).

The following provisions were agreed to without amendment: sections 15, 16, 17, 18, 21, 22, 23, 25, 27, 28, 31, 32, 36, 37, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 and 44 and the long title.

The following provisions were agreed to as amended: sections 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 24, 26, 29, 30, 33, 34, 35 and 38 and schedule 2.

The Committee completed Stage 2 consideration of the Bill.

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

Police Pensions (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/75);

Firefighters' Compensation and Pension Schemes (Scotland) Amendment Order 2016 (SSI 2016/77);

Firefighters' Pension Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/78);

Firemen's Pension Scheme (Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/79).

The Committee agreed to make no recommendations in relation to the instruments.

5. **Correspondence (in private):** The Committee considered recent correspondence and agreed to publish a letter concerning Police Scotland, dated 28 February 2016, from Detective Inspector David Moran to the Convener.
6. **Legacy paper (in private):** The Committee considered a draft legacy paper and agreed to further consider the paper at its next meeting.

The meeting closed at 12.04 pm.

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