Present:

Alison Harris
Stuart McMillan (Deputy Convener)
Graham Simpson (Convener)
David Torrance

Apologies were received from Neil Findlay.

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private**: The Committee agreed to take items 4, 5 and 6 in private.

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

   Jill Clark, Head of Civil Law Reform Unit, Justice Directorate; Neel Mojee, Solicitor, Scottish Government Legal Directorate, Scottish Government; David Johnston QC, Commissioner; Gillian Swanson, Project Manager, Scottish Law Commission.

3. **Instruments subject to negative procedure**: The Committee agreed to draw the attention of the Parliament to the following—

   National Health Service (General Medical Services Contracts and Primary Medical Services Section 17C Agreements) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/94).

4. **Management of Offenders (Scotland) Bill (in private)**: The Committee considered its approach to the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1 and agreed to ask questions of the Scottish Government in writing on certain powers within the Bill.

5. **Scottish Crown Estate Bill (in private)**: The Committee agreed the contents of a report to the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee.
6. **UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee considered further the delegated powers provisions in this Bill after Stage 2 and agreed to write to the Presiding Officer regarding concerns it has in advance of Stage 3 proceedings. The Committee also agreed that it would lodge amendments at Stage 3 aimed at addressing those concerns.

7. **Prescription (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee agreed to defer consideration of the evidence heard to a future meeting.

The meeting closed at 12.00 pm.

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