EQUALITIES AND HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

15th Meeting, 2019 (Session 5)

Thursday 6 June 2019

Present:

Alex Cole-Hamilton (Deputy Convener)  Rhoda Grant (Committee Substitute)
Alison Harris (Committee Substitute)  Fulton MacGregor
Ruth Maguire (Convener)  Oliver Mundell
Gail Ross

Also present: John Finnie

Apologies were received from Mary Fee, Annie Wells.

The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

1. Decision on taking business in private: The Committee agreed to take items 3 and 4 in private.

2. Children (Equal Protection from Assault) (Scotland) Bill: The Committee took evidence on the Bill ahead of Stage 2 from—

   Rt Hon James Wolffe QC, Lord Advocate, and Anne Marie Hicks, National Procurator Fiscal for Domestic Abuse, Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service.

3. Forthcoming legislation (in private): The Committee considered its approach to the Female Genital Mutilation (Protection and Guidance) (Scotland) Bill. The Committee agreed a call for views and to take consideration of evidence, and any draft reports or letters, in private at future meetings.

4. Budget Scrutiny 2020-21 (in private): The Committee considered its approach to the scrutiny of the Scottish Government’s Draft Budget 2020-21. The Committee agreed on its topic of scrutiny and to take consideration of evidence, and any draft reports or letters, in private at future meetings.
The meeting closed at 10.43 am.

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