JUSTICE COMMITTEE

AGENDA

21st Meeting, 2020 (Session 5)

Tuesday 15 September 2020

The Committee will meet at 10.15 am in a virtual meeting and be broadcast on www.scottishparliament.tv.

1. **Defamation and Malicious Publications (Scotland) Bill**: The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
   
   Professor John Blackie, University of Strathclyde;

   Christopher Brookmyre, Author;

   Campbell Deane, Bannatyne Kirkwood France & Co.

2. **Subordinate legislation**: The Committee will take evidence on the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2020 [draft] from—
   
   Humza Yousaf, Cabinet Secretary for Justice, Susan Black, Senior Policy Officer (Civil Law and Legal System), and Heather McClure, Solicitor, Scottish Government Legal Directorate, Scottish Government.

3. **Subordinate legislation**: Humza Yousaf (Cabinet Secretary for Justice) to move—
   
   S5M-22416—That the Justice Committee recommends that the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2020 [draft] be approved.

4. **Subordinate legislation**: The Committee will take evidence on the Management of Offenders (Scotland) Act 2019 (Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2020 [draft] from—
   
   Humza Yousaf, Cabinet Secretary for Justice, Philip Lamont, Head of Criminal Law, Practice and Licensing Unit, and Douglas Kerr, Solicitor, Scottish Government Legal Directorate, Scottish Government.
5. **Subordinate legislation:** Humza Yousaf (Cabinet Secretary for Justice) to move—

S5M-22518—That the Justice Committee recommends that the Management of Offenders (Scotland) Act 2019 (Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

6. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Equality Act 2010 (Specification of Public Authorities) (Scotland) Order 2020 [draft] from—

Humza Yousaf, Cabinet Secretary for Justice, David Scott, Forensics Policy Manager, Police Powers and Workforce Unit, and David Murdoch, Solicitor, Scottish Government Legal Directorate, Scottish Government.

7. **Subordinate legislation:** Humza Yousaf (Cabinet Secretary for Justice) to move—

S5M-22573—That the Justice Committee recommends that the Equality Act 2010 (Specification of Public Authorities) (Scotland) Order 2020 [draft] be approved.

8. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—

Mental Health Tribunal for Scotland (Practice and Procedure) (No. 2) Amendment Rules 2020 (SSI 2020/246)

9. **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018:** The Committee will consider a proposal by the Scottish Government to consent to the UK Government legislating using the powers under the Act in relation to the following UK statutory instrument proposals:

- The Law Enforcement and Security (Separation Issues etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020
- European Institutions and Consular Protection (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018 (SI 2018/1391)

10. **Defamation and Malicious Publications (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will review the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
The papers for this meeting are as follows—

**Agenda item 1**

Note by the Clerk J/S5/20/21/1

PRIVATE PAPER J/S5/20/21/2 (P)

**Agenda items 2,3,4,5, 6 and 7**

Note by the Clerk J/S5/20/21/3

**Agenda item 8**

Paper by the Clerk J/S5/20/21/4

**Agenda item 9**

Note by the Clerk J/S5/20/21/5

Note by the Clerk J/S5/20/21/6