Present:
Annabelle Ewing                      John Finnie
James Kelly                          Liam Kerr
Fulton MacGregor                    Rona Mackay (Deputy Convener)
Liam McArthur                       Shona Robison
Adam Tomkins (Convener)

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Defamation and Malicious Publication (Scotland) Bill**: The Committee took evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—

   Ash Denham, Minister for Community Safety, Michael Paparakis, Policy Officer, Private Law Unit, and Jo-anne Tinto, Solicitor, Scottish Government Legal Directorate, Scottish Government.

2. **Defamation and Malicious Publication (Scotland) Bill (in private)**: The Committee reviewed the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

3. **Re-opening of Scotland's courts and tribunals (in private)**: The Committee considered a revised draft report. Various changes were agreed to, and the report was agreed for publication.

The meeting closed at 11.53 am.