JUSTICE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

1st Meeting, 2019 (Session 5)

Tuesday 8 January 2019

Present:

John Finnie
Daniel Johnson
Fulton MacGregor
Margaret Mitchell (Convener)
Jenny Gilruth
Liam Kerr
Rona Mackay (Deputy Convener)
Shona Robison

Apologies were received from Liam McArthur.

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take items 3 and 4 in private. The Committee also agreed that draft Stage 1 reports on the Vulnerable Witnesses (Criminal Evidence) (Scotland) Bill and on the Management of Offenders (Scotland) Bill should be considered in private at future meetings.

2. **Vulnerable Witnesses (Criminal Evidence) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee took evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—

   Humza Yousaf, Cabinet Secretary for Justice, and Karen Auchincloss, Criminal Justice Division, Scottish Government.

3. **Vulnerable Witnesses (Criminal Evidence) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee reviewed the evidence received on the Bill in order to inform the drafting of its Stage 1 report.

4. **Management of Offenders (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee reviewed the evidence received on the Bill in order to inform the drafting of its Stage 1 report.

The meeting closed at 12.09 pm.