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4th Meeting 2026, Session 6

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*Liam Kerr (North East Scotland) (Con)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

*Katy Clark (West Scotland) (Lab)
*Sharon Dowey (South Scotland) (Con)
*Jamie Hepburn (Cumbernauld and Kilsyth) (SNP)
*Fulton MacGregor (Coatbridge and Chryston) (SNP)
*Rona Mackay (Strathkelvin and Bearsden) (SNP)
*Pauline McNeill (Glasgow) (Lab)

*attended

CLERK TO THE COMMITTEE

Stephen Imrie

LOCATION

The David Livingstone Room (CR6)

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[The Convener opened the meeting at 10:02]

Decision on Taking Business in Private

The Convener (Audrey Nicoll): A very good morning, and welcome to the fourth meeting in 2026 of the Criminal Justice Committee. We have received no apologies.

Our first item of business is a decision on whether to take item 5 in private. Do we agree to take that item in private?

Members *indicated agreement*.

Subordinate Legislation

Firefighters' Pension Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Order 2025

10:02

The Convener: Our next item of business is consideration of a negative Scottish statutory instrument. I refer members to paper 1, which sets out the purpose of the instrument.

I note that we have seen a number of such orders for the firefighters' pension scheme in which the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee have picked up on issues relating to the drafting of the instrument. I very much hope that the Scottish Government is taking note of that.

As members do not wish to make any recommendations in relation to the negative instrument, do we agree that we are content for it to come into force?

Members *indicated agreement*.

North Atlantic Salmon Conservation and North-East Atlantic Fisheries Commission Privileges and Immunities Revocation Regulations 2026

The Convener: Our next item of business is consideration of a proposal by the Scottish Government to consent to the United Kingdom Government legislating in a devolved area, as set by a proposed UK statutory instrument on the North Atlantic Salmon Conservation and North-East Atlantic Fisheries Commission Privileges and Immunities Revocation Regulations 2026. I refer members to paper 2.

The purpose of the regulations is to revoke existing orders for these fisheries bodies that relate to privileges and immunities and to pave the way for replacing them with new orders in order to clarify privileges and immunities and to improve and maintain compliance with international law obligations.

Our role is to decide whether we wish to approve the proposal to consent to the UK SI. Do we agree to do so?

Members *indicated agreement*.

The Convener: That completes our consideration of agenda items in public. We move into private session.

10:05

Meeting continued in private until 11:03.

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