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*Roderick Campbell (North East Fife) (SNP) *John Finnie (Highlands and Islands) (SNP) *Colin Keir (Edinburgh Western) (SNP) Alison McInnes (North East Scotland) (LD) *David McLetchie (Lothian) (Con) *Graeme Pearson (South Scotland) (Lab) *Humza Yousaf (Glasgow) (SNP)

*attended

CLERK TO THE COMMITTEE Peter McGrath

LOCATION

Committee Room 1

Scottish Parliament

Justice Committee

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[The Convener opened the meeting at 11:00]

Decision on Taking Business in Private

The Convener (Christine Grahame): Good morning. I welcome everyone to the Justice Committee's third meeting in 2012. I ask everyone to switch off mobile phones and other electronic devices completely, as they interfere with the broadcasting system even when they are switched to silent. I have apologies from Alison McInnes, who is still unwell. We send her our best regards; she is much missed from the committee and we hope to see her next week.

Agenda item 1 is a decision on taking business in private. Does the committee agree to take in private item 3, which is on our approach to the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Bill, and item 4, which is on our draft letter to the Scottish Government to highlight evidence that we received on Lord Carloway's review?

Members indicated agreement.

Subordinate Legislation

Act of Sederunt (Fees of Sheriff Officers) (No 2) 2011 (SSI 2011/432)

11:01

The Convener: Under item 2, we have one negative instrument to consider. Members will have seen from paper 1 that we originally considered the act of sederunt at our meeting last week. However, because of an administrative error earlier in the parliamentary process, it was assigned to us as an instrument that was not subject to parliamentary procedure rather than a negative instrument. It has therefore returned to the committee for consideration under the correct procedure.

When the committee agreed to note the act of sederunt last week, it also agreed to write to the Lord President to seek further information on how the figure of 3.8 per cent for uprating sheriff officers' fees was reached. The Lord President's response has been forwarded to members.

As members have no comments, are we content to make no recommendation on the instrument?

Members indicated agreement.

11:02

Meeting continued in private until 11:46.

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