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JUSTICE COMMITTEE
14th Meeting 2012, Session 4

CONVENER

*Christine Grahame (Midlothian South, Tweeddale and Lauderdale) (SNP)

DEPUTY CONVENER

*Jenny Marra (North East Scotland) (Lab)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

*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 6

Scottish Parliament

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[The Convener *opened the meeting at 10:00*]

Decision on Taking Business in Private

The Convener (Christine Grahame): I welcome everyone to the Justice Committee's 14th 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. No apologies for absence have been received.

Under agenda item 1, does the committee agree to consider item 4 in private?

Members *indicated agreement.*

Subordinate Legislation

Act of Sederunt (Fees of Shorthand Writers in the Sheriff Court) (Amendment) 2012 (SSI 2012/101)

10:00

The Convener: Item 2 is consideration of a negative instrument. The Subordinate Legislation Committee has not drawn the Parliament's attention to the act of sederunt on any grounds in its remit. Do members have any comments?

Roderick Campbell (North East Fife) (SNP): No.

The Convener: Is that a no I hear? Yes. Are members content to make no recommendation on the act of sederunt?

Members *indicated agreement.*

Graeme Pearson (South Scotland) (Lab): We have mentioned that a 3.8 per cent rise is being given when everybody else is marking time, but I presume that others have done the homework behind that.

The Convener: Percentages are sometimes misleading, but I do not know whether that applies in this instance. My only comment is that a 3.8 per cent rise on very little might mean very little.

Roderick Campbell: I recall that we discussed the issue some meetings ago and got background information.

Graeme Pearson: Was that not about warrant officers' fees?

Roderick Campbell: Well, the situation is kind of similar—

The Convener: I ask members to bear it in mind that we are still in public session and to speak through the chair. We do not want to develop the theme, do we?

Graeme Pearson: No.

The Convener: You can discuss the subject later, gentlemen.

Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session Amendment) (Fees of Shorthand Writers) 2012 (SSI 2012/100)

The Convener: The second instrument for consideration is not subject to parliamentary procedure. The Subordinate Legislation Committee has not drawn the Parliament's attention to the act of sederunt on any grounds in its remit. As members have no comments, are we content simply to note the act of sederunt?

Members *indicated agreement.*

10:01

The Convener: We now move into private session to discuss our work programme and our draft report on the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Bill.

Meeting continued in private until 11:52.

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