

Criminal Justice Committee
Wednesday, 17th June 2026
1st Meeting, 2026 (Session 7)

Choice of Deputy Convener

Purpose of paper

1. This paper explains the procedure for choosing a deputy convener at the Committee's first meeting.

Procedure

2. The Parliament has specified (in motion [S7M-00269](#), agreed on 4 June) that only members of the Scottish National Party are eligible to be chosen as deputy convener. Accordingly, only David Linden and Marie McNair are eligible for the position.
3. The Convener will invite nominations for the deputy convenueership. Eligible members may nominate themselves or be nominated by another member. Nominations do not need to be submitted in advance of the meeting, to be in writing or to be seconded.
4. If there is only one nomination, Committee members will be invited to choose the nominee as deputy convener. If there is more than one nomination, it may be necessary for the Committee to choose a deputy convener by division. This requires the question to be put on each nominee in turn, with members voting for, against, or to abstain. As soon as a nominee secures a simple majority (more votes for than against), that nominee is chosen as deputy convener.

Clerks to the Committee
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