



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

30th Meeting, 2015 (Session 4)

Tuesday 3 November 2015

Present:

Christian Allard

John Finnie

Margaret McDougall

Margaret Mitchell

Gil Paterson

Roderick Campbell

Christine Grahame (Convener)

Alison McInnes

Elaine Murray (Deputy Convener)

Also present: Patricia Ferguson (item 2).

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take items 4 and 5 in private.
2. **Inquiries into Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths etc. (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee considered the Bill at Stage 2.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 8, 59, 9, 55, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 61, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50 and 51.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

- 1 (For 5, Against 4, Abstentions 0)
- 2A (For 5, Against 4, Abstentions 0)
- 2 (For 5, Against 4, Abstentions 0)
- 3 (For 5, Against 4, Abstentions 0)
- 4 (For 5, Against 4, Abstentions 0)
- 5 (For 5, Against 4, Abstentions 0)
- 6 (For 5, Against 4, Abstentions 0)
- 7 (For 5, Against 4, Abstentions 0)
- 60 (For 5, Against 3, Abstentions 1).

The following amendments were moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn: 52 and 33.

The following amendments were not moved: 56, 53, 57, 5A, 54 and 58.

The following provisions were agreed to without amendment: sections 1, 5, 7, 9, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 28, 29, 34, schedule 1 and sections 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40 and 41 and the Long Title.

The following provisions were agreed to as amended: sections 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 14, 26, 27, 30, 31, 32, 33 and schedule 2.

The Committee completed Stage 2 consideration of the Bill.

3. **Community Justice (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee took evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—

Paul Wheelhouse, Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs, Andy Bruce, Deputy Director, Community Justice Division, and Arlene Stuart, Head of Community Justice Operational Unit, Scottish Government.

4. **Community Justice (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee considered a draft Stage 1 report and agreed to consider a revised draft at its next meeting.

5. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee considered its work programme and agreed (a) to take evidence from HM Chief Inspector of Prisons for Scotland on his recently published annual report; (b) to invite the Chair of the Scottish Human Rights Commission to give evidence in relation to the Commission's work; (c) further witnesses for its forthcoming evidence sessions at Stage 1 of the Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm (Scotland) Bill; and (d) to invite victims of abusive behaviour and sexual harm to meet Committee members informally to help inform Stage 1 scrutiny of that Bill.

The meeting closed at 1.08 pm.

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