

Cross Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Shared Parenting

Thursday 18th June 2020

Meeting via Zoom 1400 – 1530hrs

Agenda

The main business of the meeting will be an update on the Children (Scotland) Bill which is in the process of Stage 2 consideration of amendments. Submission of amendments to the Bill will have closed on June 17th and will be considered by the Justice Committee on June 26th.

If you haven't caught up on the Stage 1 debate the Scottish Parliament TV archive is here: <https://www.scottishparliament.tv/meeting/debate-children-scotland-bill-may-27-2020>

- 1 Welcome and introductions**
- 2 Apologies**
- 3 New members and changes**
- 4 Minutes of January 2020 AGM and matters arising**
- 5 Experience of Shared Parenting Law in Belgium,
Marie-France CARLIER**

Marie-France Carlier is a Judge at Namur Family Court (division of Namur and Dinant) in Belgium where the law changed in 2006 to require judges to consider equal shared parenting if proposed by one parent. She is also one of the founders of the Interdisciplinary Family-Youth Commission, which meets monthly to build bridges between family-related stakeholders and to continually improve the Consensus model through suggestions relayed by the Bar or by other members of the Commission.
- 6 The Children (Scotland) Bill**

Round table discussion.
- 7 Dates of next meeting.**