

Justice Committee

Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill

Letter from the Scottish Government to the Convener on the Committee's Stage 1 Report and further information on Lord Bonomy's Review

I write in response to the Justice Committee's Stage 1 Report on the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill. I would like to thank the Committee for its careful consideration of the Bill and all those who contributed to that consideration by giving evidence.

Please find attached the Scottish Government Response to the report.

I also wanted to take this opportunity to provide further information for your Committee on the Right Hon Lord Bonomy's review to consider further reforms which may be necessary in light of the corroboration provisions in the Bill. My letter of 5 February to your Committee included the terms of reference for this work. The Secretary to Lord Bonomy's review has now confirmed on behalf of Lord Bonomy that the following individuals have agreed that they are willing to participate as members of his Reference Group:

- Rt Hon Lady Dorrian
- Sheriff Michael O'Grady QC
- Sheriff Norman McFadyen
- Ian Cruickshank
- David McKenna, Victim Support Scotland
- Joe Moyes, Scottish Court Service
- DCC Iain Livingstone, Police Scotland
- Shelagh McCall, Scottish Human Rights Commission
- J D Murray Macara QC
- Murdo MacLeod QC
- Jane Farquharson, Advocate
- Frances McMenamin, SCCRC
- Sir Gerald Gordon
- Charles Stoddart
- Professor James Chalmers
- Professor Pamela Ferguson

The above list does not preclude changes in the composition of the Group in light of the development of the work of the Review.

I hope this additional information is helpful.

Kenny MacAskill
Cabinet Secretary for Justice
25 February 2014