



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

20th Meeting, 2014 (Session 4)

Tuesday 24 June 2014

Present:

Christian Allard

John Finnie

Alison McInnes

Elaine Murray (Deputy Convener)

Sandra White

Roderick Campbell

Christine Grahame (Convener)

Margaret Mitchell

John Pentland

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take item 4 in private.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee considered the following negative instruments—

Sexual Offences Act 2003 (Prescribed Police Stations) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/147);

Firefighters' Pension Scheme (Scotland) Amendment (No. 3) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/149);

Adults with Incapacity (Supervision of Welfare Guardians etc. by Local Authorities) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/157).

The Committee agreed to make no recommendations in relation to the instruments.

3. **Public petitions:** The Committee considered the following petitions—

PE1510 by Jody Curtis on the closure of police, fire, and non-emergency service centres north of Dundee;

PE1511 by Laura Ross on the decision made by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service to close the Inverness control room.

The Committee agreed to (a) consider the issues raised by both petitions during its forthcoming one-off evidence session with HM Chief Inspector of Constabulary in Scotland and HM Chief Inspector of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; (b) issue a call for written evidence on the issues raised by both petitions; and (c) inform the Justice Sub-Committee on Policing that it is considering Petition PE1510.

4. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee considered its work programme and agreed (a) witnesses for its forthcoming evidence session on environmental crime and serious organised crime; (b) to delegate to the Convener responsibility for any changes in participants and to approve any witness expenses claims relating to that evidence session; (c) to invite the Scottish Government and the Scottish Prison Service to give evidence at a future meeting on the Commission on Women Offenders recommendations; (d) to note that a legislative consent memorandum is likely to be lodged by the Scottish Government in relation to the forthcoming Serious Crime Bill; and (e) to consider proceeds of crime legislation as part of its consideration of the forthcoming Serious Crime Bill.

The meeting closed at 10.19 am.

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