



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

21st Meeting, 2014 (Session 4)

Tuesday 5 August 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. **Commission on women offenders:** The Committee took evidence from—

Kenny MacAskill, Cabinet Secretary for Justice, and Andrew Bruce, Deputy Director, Community Justice Division, Scottish Government;

Colin McConnell, Chief Executive, Scottish Prison Service.

2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee took evidence on the Scottish Legal Complaints Commission (Modification of Duties and Powers) Regulations 2014 [draft] from—

Kenny MacAskill, Cabinet Secretary for Justice, and Denise Swanson, Head of Access to Justice Unit, Scottish Government.

Roderick Campbell indicated that he is a member of the Faculty of Advocates.

3. **Subordinate legislation:** Kenny MacAskill, Cabinet Secretary for Justice moved—

S4M-10634—That the Justice Committee recommends that the Scottish Legal Complaints Commission (Modification of Duties and Powers) Regulations 2014 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to.

4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee considered the following negative instrument—

Right to Information (Suspects and Accused Persons) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/159).

The Committee endorsed the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee's comments on the instrument and agreed to make no recommendation in relation to the instrument.

5. **Scotland's National Action Plan for Human Rights:** The Committee received an update from John Finnie, rapporteur to Scotland's National Action Plan (SNAP) for Human Rights, on progress on the SNAP process. The Committee agreed to hold an informal briefing in advance of the debate on the action plan.

The meeting closed at 11.27 am.

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