



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

25th Meeting, 2014 (Session 4)

Tuesday 7 October 2014

Present:

Christian Allard	Roderick Campbell
John Finnie	Christine Grahame (Convener)
Alison McInnes	Margaret Mitchell
Elaine Murray (Deputy Convener)	Graeme Pearson (Committee Substitute)
Sandra White	

Apologies were received from John Pentland.

The meeting opened at 10.30 am.

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take items 3, 4 and 5 in private.
2. **Child sexual exploitation:** The Committee took evidence from—

Catriona Dalrymple, Head of Policy Division, and Stephen McGowan, Procurator Fiscal, Major Crime and Fatalities Investigation, Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service;

Assistant Chief Constable Malcolm Graham, Police Scotland.
3. **Draft Budget Scrutiny 2015-16 (in private):** The Committee further considered its approach to the scrutiny of the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2015-16 and agreed: (a) not to appoint an adviser; (b) a list of witnesses on the courts budget; and (c) to request specific budgetary information from the Scottish Court Service, the Scottish Police Authority and Police Scotland.
4. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee considered its work programme and agreed its approach to its consideration of (a) the draft Road Traffic Act 1988 (Prescribed Limit) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 and (b) the proposed draft Public Services Reform (Inspection and Monitoring of Prisons) (formerly Prison Visiting Committees) (Scotland) Order 2014.

5. **Criminal Justice and Courts Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (in private):**
The Committee agreed its report to the Parliament.

The meeting closed at 12.32 pm.

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