



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

31st Meeting, 2014 (Session 4)

Tuesday 2 December 2014

Present:

Christian Allard
John Finnie
Margaret Mitchell
Gil Paterson

Roderick Campbell
Christine Grahame (Convener)
Elaine Murray (Deputy Convener)
John Pentland

Also present: Graeme Pearson (item 3).

Apologies were received from Alison McInnes.

The meeting opened at 10.04 am.

1. **Declaration of interests:** Gil Paterson was invited to declare any relevant interests. Mr Paterson referred to his register of interests.
2. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed that consideration of its work programme should be taken in private at its next meeting, and that consideration of its draft reports on the Draft Budget 2015-16 and on the legislative consent memorandum on the Serious Crime Bill should be taken in private at future meetings.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee took evidence on the Public Services Reform (Inspection and Monitoring of Prisons) (Scotland) Order 2014 [draft] from—

Bruce Adamson, Legal Officer, Scottish Human Rights Commission;

Joan Fraser, Member of the Executive, Association of Visiting Committees for Scottish Penal Establishments;

Lisa Mackenzie, Policy and Public Affairs Manager, Howard League Scotland;

Pete White, National Co-ordinator, Positive Prison? Positive Futures;

Professor Andrew Coyle, Emeritus Professor of Prison Studies, King's College London;

Dr James McManus, Member of the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture;

David Strang, HM Chief Inspector of Prisons for Scotland.

4. **Serious Crime Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee took evidence on legislative consent memorandum LCM(S4) 35.1 from—

Paul Wheelhouse, Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs, and Dr Lucy Smith, Head of Organised Crime Strategy, Scottish Government.

The meeting closed at 12.34 pm.

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