



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

32nd Meeting, 2014 (Session 4)

Tuesday 9 December 2014

Present:

Christian Allard

John Finnie

Alison McInnes

Elaine Murray (Deputy Convener)

John Pentland

Roderick Campbell

Christine Grahame (Convener)

Margaret Mitchell

Gil Paterson

The meeting opened at 10.05 am.

1. **Serious Crime Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (in private):** The Committee considered a draft report on legislative consent memorandum LCM(S4) 33.1. Various changes were agreed to and the Committee agreed its report to the Parliament.
2. **Draft Budget Scrutiny 2015-16 (in private):** The Committee considered a draft report to the Finance Committee on the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2015-16. Various changes were agreed to and the Committee agreed its report.
3. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee considered its work programme and agreed to: (a) write to the Scottish Government asking it to provide a detailed timetable of its plans to bring forward legislation to address cross-border issues in the prosecution of sexual crime; (b) write to the Scottish Government again asking that it consider establishing an environmental court or tribunal; (c) return to the issue of brain injury in the justice system once the Scottish Government's Brain Injury and Offending work-stream of the National Prisoner Healthcare Network has reported in summer 2015; and (d) consider a request from the Scottish Information Commissioner to mark the 10th anniversary of freedom of information in Scotland after the Commissioner has published her Special Report on this issue in January 2015.

The meeting closed at 11.51 am.

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