



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

33rd Meeting, 2014 (Session 4)

Tuesday 16 December 2014

Present:

Christian Allard
John Finnie
Margaret Mitchell
Gil Paterson

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

Apologies were received from Alison McInnes.

The meeting opened at 9.46 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take item 7 in private.
2. **Commission on Women Offenders:** The Committee took evidence from—

Michael Matheson, Cabinet Secretary for Justice, Scottish Government;

Colin McConnell, Chief Executive, Scottish Prison Service;

Andy Bruce, Deputy Director, Community Justice Division, and Jane Moffat, Community Justice Division, Scottish Government.
3. **Modern Slavery Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee took evidence on legislative consent memorandum LCM(S4) 35.1 from—

Michael Matheson, Cabinet Secretary for Justice, Neil Rennick, Acting Director, Justice, Keith Main, Safer Communities Division, and Kevin Gibson, Directorate for Legal Services, Scottish Government.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee took evidence on the Public Services Reform (Inspection and Monitoring of Prisons) (Scotland) Order 2014 [draft] from—

Michael Matheson, Cabinet Secretary for Justice, Kerry Morgan, Community Justice Division, and Craig McGuffie, Directorate for Legal Services, Scottish Government.

5. **Subordinate legislation:** Michael Matheson (Cabinet Secretary for Justice) moved—

S4M-11850—That the Justice Committee recommends that the Public Services Reform (Inspection and Monitoring of Prisons) (Scotland) Order 2014 [draft] be approved.

After debate, the motion was agreed to (by division: For 7, Against 1, Abstentions 0).

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

Civil Jurisdiction and Judgements (Protection Measures) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/333).

The Committee agreed to make no recommendation in relation to the instrument.

7. **Assisted Suicide (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee considered a draft report to the Health and Sport Committee. Various changes were agreed to and the Committee agreed to further consider the draft report at its next meeting.

The meeting closed at 12.58 pm.

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