



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## JUSTICE COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

2nd Meeting, 2016 (Session 4)

Tuesday 12 January 2016

Present:

Christian Allard	Roderick Campbell
John Finnie	Margaret McDougall
Alison McInnes	Margaret Mitchell
Elaine Murray (Deputy Convener)	Gil Paterson

Apologies were received from Christine Grahame (Convener).

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take items 3, 4 and 5 in private.
2. **Interception of communications by Police Scotland:** The Committee took evidence from—  

Ruairidh Nicolson, Assistant Chief Constable, Organised Crime and Counter Terrorism, Police Scotland.
3. **Draft Budget Scrutiny 2016-17 (in private):** The Committee considered a draft report to the Finance Committee on the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2016-17. Various changes were agreed to and the Committee agreed its report.
4. **Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee considered a draft Stage 1 report. Various changes were agreed to and the Committee agreed to continue consideration of its draft report at its next meeting.
5. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee considered its work programme and agreed to (a) send a further invitation to Chief Superintendent Clark Cuzen, Detective Superintendent David Donaldson, Detective Superintendent Brenda Smith and Detective Inspector Joanne Grant to give evidence on Police Scotland's governance arrangements in relation to the March 2015 revised rules

on the interception and acquisition of communications data; (b) write to Police Scotland seeking further information in relation to this matter; (c) invite the Cabinet Secretary for Justice to give evidence on women offenders on 9 February; and (d) invite the Solicitor General to give evidence on agricultural crime at a future meeting.

The meeting closed at 12.57 pm.

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