



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

3rd Meeting, 2016 (Session 4)

Tuesday 19 January 2016

Present:

Christian Allard

John Finnie

Margaret McDougall

Margaret Mitchell

Gil Paterson

Roderick Campbell

Christine Grahame (Convener)

Alison McInnes

Elaine Murray (Deputy Convener)

Also present: Paul Wheelhouse, Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs (item 3).

The meeting opened at 9.45 am.

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take items 4 and 5 in private.
2. **Criminal Verdicts (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee took evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—

Michael Matheson, Cabinet Secretary for Justice, Scottish Government;

Michael McMahon, Member in Charge of the Bill, Scottish Parliament.

Roderick Campbell declared an interest as a member of the Faculty of Advocates.

3. **Community Justice (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee considered the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 1).

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

- 94 (For 5, Against 3, Abstentions 1)
- 95 (For 5, Against 4, Abstentions 0)
- 66 (For 5, Against 3, Abstentions 1)
- 67 (For 5, Against 3, Abstentions 1)
- 96 (For 5, Against 3, Abstentions 1)
- 68 (For 5, Against 3, Abstentions 1).

Amendment 69 was not moved.

The following provisions were agreed to without amendment: section 2, schedule 1, sections 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8.

The following provisions were agreed to as amended: sections 1 and 3.

The Committee ended consideration of the Bill for the day, section 8 having been agreed to.

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 its report to the Parliament.
5. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee considered its work programme and agreed to write to Chief Superintendent Clark Cuzen, Detective Superintendent David Donaldson and Detective Superintendent Brenda Smith to invite them to give evidence to the Committee on Police Scotland's governance arrangements in relation to the interception of communications; and to contact Detective Inspector Joanne Grant to invite her to provide information on this matter to the Committee.

The meeting closed at 1.59 pm.

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