



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

22nd Meeting, 2019 (Session 5)

Tuesday 17 September 2019

Present:

John Finnie
James Kelly
Fulton MacGregor
Liam McArthur
Shona Robison

Jenny Gilruth
Liam Kerr
Rona Mackay (Deputy Convener)
Margaret Mitchell (Convener)

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Declaration of interests:** James Kelly indicated that his brother is the Sheriff of Glasgow and Strathkelvin.
2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take items 8 and 9 in private.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee took evidence on the Scottish Tribunals (Listed Tribunals) Regulations 2019 [draft] from—

Ash Denham, Minister for Community Safety, Scottish Government.

4. **Subordinate legislation:** Ash Denham (Minister for Community Safety) moved—

S5M-18220—That the Justice Committee recommends that the Scottish Tribunals (Listed Tribunals) Regulations 2019 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to without debate or dissent.

5. **Pre-budget scrutiny of the Scottish Government's 2020/21 budget:** The Committee took evidence from—

Stephen Sandham, Deputy Chief Inspector of Prisons, HM Inspectorate of Prisons Scotland;

Phil Fairlie, Scottish National Chairman, Prison Officers Association Scotland;

Professor Nancy Loucks, Chief Executive, Families Outside;

Tom Halpin, Chief Executive, SACRO;

Alastair Muir, Deputy Director & Chief Inspector, Violence Reduction Unit;

Sean Duffy, Chief Executive Officer, The Wise Group.

6. **Justice Sub-Committee on Policing:** The Committee noted a report back from the Convener of the Sub-Committee on the meeting held on 12 September 2019.
7. **Membership of the Sub-Committee on Policing:** The Committee agreed a proposal for new members.
8. **Children (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee agreed its approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1.

The Committee agreed its approach to the payment of witness expenses. The Committee also agreed that future consideration of decisions on the choice of witnesses, on the consideration of oral evidence heard and draft reports be taken in private.

9. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee agreed its work programme.

The meeting closed at 12.28 pm.

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