



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

24th Meeting, 2019 (Session 5)

Tuesday 1 October 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. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to review the evidence heard under item 3, and agreed to take item 6 in private.
2. **Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Bill:** The Committee took evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—

Dr Ken Macdonald, Head of ICO Regions, Information Commissioner's Office;

Al Duff, Professor of Information Policy, Edinburgh Napier University and Member of NO2ID Edinburgh;

Matthew Rice, Scotland Director, Open Rights Group;

Judith Robertson, Chair, Scottish Human Rights Commission.

3. **Brexit Contingency Planning:** The Committee took evidence from—

Deputy Chief Constable Will Kerr, Police Scotland;

Detective Chief Superintendent Patrick Campbell, Specialist Crime Division, Police Scotland.

4. **Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee consultation on Scottish Law Commission Bills and referral criteria:** The Committee considered and agreed a draft response.
5. **Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Bill and Brexit Contingency Planning (in private):** The Committee reviewed the evidence heard at today's meeting.
6. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee considered and agreed its work programme.

The Committee agreed to keep the situation under review and wait for the publication of the Competition and Markets Authority findings in relation to legal services market in Scotland. The Committee agreed to then review the situation with a view to a further evidence session.

The meeting closed at 12.28 pm.

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