



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

23rd Meeting, 2020 (Session 5)

Tuesday 29 September 2020

Present:

Annabelle Ewing	John Finnie
James Kelly	Liam Kerr
Fulton MacGregor	Rona Mackay (Deputy Convener)
Liam McArthur	Shona Robison
Adam Tomkins (Convener)	

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Post-mortem Examinations (Defence Time Limit) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee took evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—

Gil Paterson MSP.

2. **Sentencing Bill [HL] 2019-21 (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee considered the legislative consent memorandum lodged by Humza Yousaf (Cabinet Secretary for Justice) (LCM(S5)45). The Committee agreed that the Scottish Parliament should give its consent to the relevant provisions in the Sentencing Bill [HL] 2019-21.

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

The Prisons and Young Offenders Institutions (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Rules 2020 (SSI 2020/264)

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

4. **Defamation and Malicious Publication (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee considered key issues for a draft Stage 1 report.

The meeting closed at 11.20 am.

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