



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

AGENDA

13th Meeting, 2017 (Session 5)

Tuesday 28 March 2017

The Committee will meet at 9.45 am in the Mary Fairfax Somerville Room (CR2).

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **Railway Policing (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—

Michael Matheson, Cabinet Secretary for Justice, Humza Yousaf, Minister for Transport and the Islands, Don McGillivray, Deputy Director, Police Division, and Kevin Gibson, Solicitor, Directorate for Legal Services, Scottish Government, and Gordon Macleod, Rail Standards and Sustainability Manager, Transport Scotland.

3. **Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider its approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1.
4. **Railway Policing (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the key issues emerging from the evidence received on the Bill in order to inform the drafting of its Stage 1 report.
5. **Inquiry into the role and purpose of the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (in private):** The Committee will continue consideration of a draft report.

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The papers for this meeting are as follows—

Agenda item 2

Paper by the clerk - Railway Policing (Scotland) Bill J/S5/17/13/1

Private paper - Railway Policing (Scotland) Bill J/S5/17/13/2 (P)

[Railway Policing \(Scotland\) Bill, accompanying documents and SPICe briefing](#)

[Written submissions received on the Bill](#)

Agenda item 3

Private paper - Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill J/S5/17/13/3 (P)

[Domestic Abuse \(Scotland\) Bill and accompanying documents](#)

Agenda item 4

Private paper - Railway Policing (Scotland) Bill J/S5/17/13/4 (P)

Agenda item 5

Private paper - Inquiry into COPFS J/S5/17/13/5 (P)

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Railway Policing (Scotland) Bill

Note by the clerk

Introduction

1. The Railway Policing (Scotland) Bill¹ was introduced in the Scottish Parliament on 8 December 2016. The Parliamentary Bureau designated the Justice Committee as lead committee for Stage 1 scrutiny, on 13 December 2016.
2. The Committee agreed its approach to scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1 on Tuesday 21 December 2016, and published a call for evidence.
3. The Committee received 49 responses to the call for evidence and four supplementary submissions. They are published on the Committee's [website](#).
4. On 7 February 2017 the Committee considered evidence received and agreed a timetable and witnesses for oral evidence taking. On 28 February the Committee further considered and agreed witnesses to invite to provide oral evidence on the Bill at Stage 1.

Committee consideration

5. At its meeting on 7 March 2017 the Committee took evidence from the British Transport Police, the British Transport Police Authority (BTPA), the Scottish Police Authority and Police Scotland.
6. At its 14 March meeting the Committee took evidence from the British Transport Police Federation, the British Transport Police Superintendents' Association Branch, the National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers, the Scottish Police Federation, and the Transport Salaried Staffs' Association.
7. At its 21 March meeting the Committee heard from ScotRail Alliance, CrossCountry, Virgin Trains, Transpennine Express and Direct Rail Services Limited. The Committee then heard from Dan Moore, from the Department for Transport.
8. At its 28 March meeting the Committee will hear from the Cabinet Secretary for Justice, the Minister for Transport and the Islands, and Scottish Government officials.

¹ <http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/102502.aspx>