



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

AGENDA

23rd Meeting, 2017 (Session 5)

Tuesday 20 June 2017

The Committee will meet at 10.00 am in the Mary Fairfax Somerville Room (CR2).

1. **Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—

Dr Ruth Friskney, Research and Policy Officer, Barnardo's Scotland;

Chloe Riddell, Policy Manager, Children 1st;

Megan Farr, Policy Officer, Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland;

Brandi Lee Lough Dennell, Policy and Research Manager, LGBT Youth Scotland;

and then from—

Aaron Slater, Edinburgh Services Manager, Safeguarding Communities - Reducing Offending (Sacro);

Jane Martin, Co-chair, Criminal Justice Committee, Social Work Scotland.

2. **Justice Sub-Committee on Policing:** The Committee will consider a report back from the Sub-Committee meeting on 15 June 2017.

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The papers for this meeting are as follows—

Agenda item 1

Paper by the clerk - Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill

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Private paper - Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill

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

[Written submission from Barnardo's Scotland](#)

[Written submission from Children 1st](#)

[Written submission from the Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland](#)

[Written submission from LGBT Youth Scotland](#)

[Written submission from Sacro](#)

[Written submission from Social Work Scotland](#)

[All written submissions received on the Bill](#)

Agenda item 2

Paper by the clerk - Justice Sub-Committee on Policing

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Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill
Note by the clerk

Introduction

1. The Scottish Government introduced the Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill¹ in the Scottish Parliament on 17 March 2017. The Parliamentary Bureau designated the Justice Committee as lead committee for Stage 1 scrutiny on 28 March 2017.
2. The Committee agreed its overall approach to scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1 at its meeting on 28 March 2017 and issued a call for evidence. Responses received and accepted as evidence are published on the Committee's Bill [webpage](#).

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3. At its meeting on 9 May 2017, the Committee took evidence from Scottish Government officials assisting Ministers in taking the Bill through the Parliament (the "Bill team").
4. On 16 May, the Committee took private testimony from victims of domestic abuse. Anonymised notes of these meetings can be accessed from the webpage.
5. At its 30 May meeting, the Committee took evidence from a panel of legal experts; academics and practitioners. At its 6 June meeting, the Committee heard about the practical aspects of prosecuting and enforcing the proposed new offence, and other aspects of the Bill, from the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service, and the Scottish Police Federation.
6. At its 13 June meeting, the Committee heard from representatives of Scottish Women's Aid and Shakti Women's Aid, and then from representatives of Abused Men in Scotland, Action on Elder Abuse Scotland, and Victim Support Scotland.
7. At the 20 June meeting, the Committee will hear from two panels:
 - the first panel, comprising witnesses from Barnardos, Children 1st, LGBT Youth Scotland and the office of the Children's Commissioner, will focus on the Bill and children and young people affected by domestic abuse;
 - the second panel, comprising witnesses from Social Work Scotland and Sacro, will focus on the perspective of those working with both victims and offenders and their views on the Bill.
8. At its final evidence session on 27 June, the Committee will hear from the Cabinet Secretary for Justice. The Committee will report on the general principles of the Bill to Parliament in early autumn.
9. The Official Reports of all Stage 1 meetings will be posted on [this webpage](#) as they become available.

¹ <http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/103883.aspx>

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Feedback from the Justice Sub-Committee on Policing

Note by the clerk

1. The Justice Sub-Committee on Policing met on 15 June when it held an evidence session on the deployment of police body worn video cameras and considered its future work programme.
2. The Sub-Committee heard about the evaluation of the use by other police forces of body worn videos and the trialled use in North East division of Police Scotland, as well as the consultation on the use of body worn video cameras as part of the Policing 2026 strategy.
3. The evidence session heard that there were benefits as well as implications of a national roll-out of body worn videos across Police Scotland, such as required improvements to ICT infrastructure. The costs at this time are unknown, and Police Scotland stated that there would need to be a full cost-benefit analysis before a national roll-out. Police Scotland also gave a commitment to hold a public consultation should it be decided that a national roll-out was the preferred approach.
4. The Sub-Committee will next meet on 22 June, when it will take evidence from Derek Penman, Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland, on his report on the openness and transparency of the Scottish Police Authority.

I am happy to take any questions.