



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

**JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

**AGENDA**

**27th Meeting, 2017 (Session 5)**

**Tuesday 19 September 2017**

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

1. **Civil Litigation (Expenses and Group Proceedings) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—

Ronnie Conway, Co-ordinator, Association of Personal Injury Lawyers;

Brian Castle, Regional Co-ordinator Scotland, Motor Accident Solicitors Society;

Dave Moxham, Deputy General Secretary, Scottish Trades Union Congress;

Patrick McGuire, Partner, Thompsons Solicitors.

2. **Justice Sub-Committee on Policing:** The Committee will consider a report back from the Sub-Committee meeting on 14 September 2017.
3. **Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will continue consideration of a draft Stage 1 report.

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The papers for this meeting are as follows—

**Agenda item 1**

Paper by the clerk - Civil Litigation (Expenses and Group Proceedings) (Scotland) Bill J/S5/17/27/1

Private paper - Civil Litigation (Expenses and Group Proceedings) (Scotland) Bill J/S5/17/27/2 (P)

[Civil Litigation \(Expenses and Group Procedures\) \(Scotland\) Bill and accompanying documents](#)

[Written submission from the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers](#)

[Written submission from the Motor Accident Solicitors Society](#)

[Written submission from the Scottish Trades Union Congress](#)

[Written submission from Thompsons Solicitors](#)

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

**Agenda item 2**

Paper by the clerk - Justice Sub-Committee on Policing J/S5/17/27/3

**Agenda item 3**

Private paper - Draft Stage 1 Report on the Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill J/S5/17/27/4 (P)

Private paper - SPICe Briefing on the Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill J/S5/17/27/5 (P)

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

[Written evidence received on the Bill](#)

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**Civil Litigation (Expenses and Group Proceedings) (Scotland) Bill**  
**Note by the clerk**

**Introduction**

1. The Scottish Government introduced the Civil Litigation (Expenses and Group Proceedings) (Scotland) Bill<sup>1</sup> in the Scottish Parliament on 1 June 2017. The Parliamentary Bureau designated the Justice Committee as lead committee for Stage 1 scrutiny of the Bill on 13 June 2017.
2. The Committee agreed its overall approach to scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1 at its meeting on 13 June 2017 and issued a call for evidence. The call for evidence closed on 18 August 2017. Responses are published on the Committee's [webpage](#).

**Justice Committee consideration**

3. At its meeting on 5 September 2017, the Committee took evidence from Scottish Government officials assisting Ministers in taking the Bill through Parliament (“the Bill team”).
4. At its meeting on 19 September 2017, the Committee will take evidence from representatives of the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers, the Motor Accident Solicitors Society, Thompsons Solicitors, and the STUC. Written submissions from the witnesses can be found via the link above.
5. At future meetings, the Committee expects to take evidence from legal practitioners, representatives of defenders and insurers, Sheriff Principal Taylor, and the Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/104998.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 14 September 2017 when it held an evidence session on Police Scotland's internal complaints procedures.
2. The Sub-Committee took evidence from Iain Livingstone, Deputy Chief Constable Designate of Police Scotland, and Nicola Marchant, Deputy Chair of the Scottish Police Authority.
3. The Sub-Committee will next meet on 28 September, when it will hold an evidence session on governance of the Scottish Police Authority.