



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

AGENDA

16th Meeting, 2018 (Session 5)

Tuesday 22 May 2018

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

1. **Management of Offenders (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—

David Strang, HM Chief Inspector, HM Inspectorate of Prisons for Scotland;

Chief Superintendent Garry McEwan, Divisional Commander, Criminal Justice Services Division, Police Scotland;

Ruth Inglis, Director of Development and Innovation, and Roddy Flinn, Legal Secretary to the Lord President, Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service;

and then from—

John Watt, Chair, and Colin Spivey, Chief Executive, Parole Board for Scotland.

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The papers for this meeting are as follows—

Agenda item 1

Paper by the clerk - Management of Offenders (Scotland) Bill J/S5/18/16/1

Private paper - Management of Offenders (Scotland) Bill J/S5/18/16/2 (P)

[Management of Offenders \(Scotland\) Bill and accompanying documents](#)

[Spice Briefing: Management of Offenders \(Scotland\) Bill](#)

[Written submission from HM Inspectorate of Prisons for Scotland](#)

[Written submission from the Parole Board for Scotland](#)

[Written submission from Police Scotland](#)

[Written submission from the Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service](#)

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

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Note by the clerk

Introduction

1. The [Management of Offenders \(Scotland\) Bill](#) was introduced on 22 February 2018. It is a Scottish Government Bill. The Bill makes provision in three discrete areas, linked by a common theme of the management of offenders:
 - electronic monitoring of offenders: drawing together various legal provisions on monitoring into a single source and making some updates to the law including extending the potential for monitoring;
 - disclosure of convictions: making substantial amendment to the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974, the general approach being to reduce the requirement to disclose convictions (for instance by, in general, shortening the period during which a prior conviction must be disclosed);
 - Parole Board for Scotland: a small number of reforms concerning the membership and administration of the Board.
2. A SPICe briefing on the Bill can be accessed [here](#).
3. The Committee launched a [call for views](#) on the Bill on 16 March 2018. The deadline for responses was 20 April 2018. All written submissions received and accepted as evidence are published on the Committee's [webpage](#).

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4. At its meeting on [24 April 2018](#), the Committee took evidence from the Scottish Government Bill Team (the group of officials responsible for assisting the Cabinet Secretary for Justice in formulating the policy and drafting of the Bill and in steering it through the Parliamentary process).
5. At its meeting on [8 May 2018](#), the Committee took evidence from two panels of witnesses. The first panel comprised representatives of Community Justice Scotland and Social Work Scotland. The second panel comprised representatives of Families Outside, Positive Prison? Positive Futures, Scottish Women's Aid and Victim Support Scotland.
6. At its meeting on [15 May 2018](#), the Committee took evidence from representatives of the Edinburgh Bar Association, Howard League Scotland, the Law Society of Scotland and the Scottish Centre for Crime and Justice Research, as well as Liz Dougan, Partner, Brazenall and Orr Solicitors.

7. At its meeting on 22 May 2018, the Committee will hear from representatives of the Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service, Police Scotland, HM Chief Inspector of Prisons Scotland, followed then by the Parole Board. Written submissions from these witnesses, where available, can be accessed [here](#).
8. At future meetings in June the Committee will hear from other professionals and organisations working in the criminal justice sector, as well as the Cabinet Secretary for Justice.