



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

29th Meeting, 2019 (Session 5)

Tuesday 26 November 2019

Present:

John Finnie
James Kelly
Fulton MacGregor
Liam McArthur

Jenny Gilruth
Liam Kerr
Rona Mackay (Deputy Convener)
Shona Robison

Apologies were received from Margaret Mitchell (Convener).

The meeting opened at 11.00 am.

1. **Children (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee received a briefing from—

Simon Stockwell, Head of Family Law Unit, Iain Fitheridge, Head of Children's Hearings Team, Hannah Frodsham, Family Law Unit, Shona Spence, Looked after Children Team, Margaret Main, Scottish Government Legal Directorate, and Jamie Bowman, Scottish Government Legal Directorate, Scottish Government.

2. **Justice Sub-Committee on Policing:** The Committee noted a report back from the Sub-Committee meeting held on 21 November 2019.

3. **Children (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee agreed witnesses for Stage 1 scrutiny of the Bill.

4. **Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Bill (in private):** The Committee considered a draft Stage 1 report.

The meeting closed at 12.42 pm.

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