



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## JUSTICE COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

30th Meeting, 2019 (Session 5)

Tuesday 3 December 2019

Present:

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| Jenny Gilruth                 | James Kelly      |
| Liam Kerr                     | Fulton MacGregor |
| Rona Mackay (Deputy Convener) | Liam McArthur    |
| Margaret Mitchell (Convener)  | Shona Robison    |

Apologies were received from John Finnie.

The meeting opened at 10.01 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take item 6 in private.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee took evidence on the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2016 (Support for Vulnerable Persons) Regulations 2019 [draft] from—

Ash Denham, Minister for Community Safety, Scottish Government.

3. **Subordinate legislation:** Ash Denham (Minister for Community Safety) moved—

S5M-19844—That the Justice Committee recommends that the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2016 (Support for Vulnerable Persons) Regulations 2019 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to.

4. **HMICS Thematic Inspection of the Scottish Police Authority:** The Committee took evidence from—

Gill Imery QPM, HM Chief Inspector of Constabulary in Scotland, HM

Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland.

5. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee considered the following negative instruments—

Firefighters' Pension Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/357);  
Firefighters' Pension Schemes (Scotland) Amendment Order 2019 (SSI 2019/358);  
Police Pensions Amendment (Increased Pension Entitlement) (Scotland) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/380); Firefighters' Pension Scheme Amendment (Increased Pension Entitlement) (Scotland) Order 2019 (SSI 2019/381);  
Firefighters' Pension and Compensation Schemes (Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2019 (SSI 2019/382).

The Committee agreed to write to the Minister for Community Safety in relation to SSI 2019/382 and to revisit the instrument at a future meeting. The Committee agreed to make no recommendation in relation to the other instruments.

6. **HMICS Thematic Inspection of the Scottish Police Authority (in private):** The Committee reviewed the evidence heard earlier in the meeting. The Committee agreed to write to the Scottish Police Authority, COSLA and officials in the Scottish Government on a number of issues. The Committee also agreed, in principle, to return to the issue at a future meeting.
7. **Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Bill (in private):** The Committee considered a draft Stage 1 report. Various changes were agreed to, and the report was agreed for publication.

The meeting closed at 12.07 pm.

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