



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

**JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

**3rd Meeting, 2020 (Session 5)**

**Tuesday 21 January 2020**

Present:

John Finnie  
James Kelly  
Fulton MacGregor  
Liam McArthur  
Shona Robison

Jenny Gilruth  
Liam Kerr  
Rona Mackay (Deputy Convener)  
Margaret Mitchell (Convener)

The meeting opened at 10.26 am.

1. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee took evidence on the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exclusions and Exceptions) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2020 [draft] from—

Humza Yousaf, Cabinet Secretary for Justice, Scottish Government.

2. **Subordinate legislation:** Humza Yousaf (Cabinet Secretary for Justice) moved—

S5M-20332 That the Justice Committee recommends that the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exclusions and Exceptions) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to.

3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee took evidence on the Restriction of Liberty Order etc. (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/423) from—

Humza Yousaf, Cabinet Secretary for Justice, and Graham Robertson, Electronic Monitoring Policy Manager, Scottish Government.

4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee considered the following negative instrument—

Restriction of Liberty Order etc. (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/423)

The Committee agreed to make no recommendations in relation to the instrument.

5. **Children (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee took evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—

Dr Louise Hill, Evidence and Policy Lead, CELCIS;

Ben Farrugia, Director, Social Work Scotland;

Duncan Dunlop, Chief Executive, and Oisín King, Member, Who Cares? Scotland;

Jackie McRae, Practice and Partnerships Lead, Children's Hearings Scotland;

Alistair Hogg, Head of Practice and Policy, Scottish Children's Reporter Administration.

6. **Justice Sub-Committee on Policing:** The Committee noted a report back from the Sub-Committee meeting held on 16 January 2020.

7. **Children (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee reviewed the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

The meeting closed at 1.04 pm.

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