



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

17th Meeting, 2020 (Session 5)

Tuesday 18 August 2020

Present:

Maurice Corry (Committee Substitute)	John Finnie
James Kelly	Liam Kerr
Bill Kidd (Committee Substitute)	Fulton MacGregor
Rona Mackay (Deputy Convener)	Liam McArthur
Shona Robison	

Apologies were received from Dr Alasdair Allan, Margaret Mitchell (Convener).

The meeting opened at 10.30 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take item 4 in private.
2. **Update on the impact of Covid-19 on the justice sector and policing:** The Committee took evidence from—
 - Eric McQueen, Chief Executive, Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service;
 - Teresa Medhurst, Interim Chief Executive, Scottish Prison Service;
 - Humza Yousaf, Cabinet Secretary for Justice, and Neil Rennick, Director of Justice, Scottish Government.
3. **Work programme:** The Committee ratified decisions made on its work programme at a business planning day held on 11 August.
4. **Review of evidence (in private):** The Committee reviewed the evidence taken on Covid-19 at today's meeting.

The meeting closed at 12.47 pm.

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