



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

29th Meeting, 2020 (Session 5)

Tuesday 24 November 2020

Present:

Annabelle Ewing
Liam Kerr
Fulton MacGregor
Liam McArthur

John Finnie
Bill Kidd (Committee Substitute)
Rona Mackay (Deputy Convener)
Adam Tomkins (Convener)

Apologies were received from James Kelly, Shona Robison.

The meeting opened at 10.10 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to consider all drafts of its report on the Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill, in private, at future meetings.
2. **Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee took evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
 - Emma Ritch, Executive Director, Engender;
 - Susan Smith, Director, For Women Scotland;
 - Dr Marsha Scott, Chief Executive Officer, Scottish Women's Aid;
 - Humza Yousaf, Cabinet Secretary for Justice, Bill Brash, Bill Team Leader, Philip Lamont, Head of Criminal Law, Practice and Licensing Unit, and Rachael Wilson, Cohesive Communities Team Leader, Scottish Government.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee took evidence on the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) (Scotland) Revocation Order 2021 [draft] from—

Humza Yousaf, Cabinet Secretary for Justice, Scottish Government.

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

S5M-22981—That the Justice Committee recommends that the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) (Scotland) Revocation Order 2021 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to.

5. **Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee reviewed the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

The meeting closed at 12.49 pm.

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