



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

33rd Meeting, 2020 (Session 5)

Tuesday 15 December 2020

Present:

Annabelle Ewing
Rhoda Grant
Fulton MacGregor
Liam McArthur

John Finnie
Liam Kerr
Rona Mackay (Deputy Convener)
Shona Robison

Adam Tomkins (Convener)

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take item 8 in private.
2. **Domestic Abuse (Protection) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee took evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—

Patrick Down, Criminal Law & Practice Team Leader, Anne Cook, Head of Social Housing Services, Katherine McGarvey, Solicitor, Scottish Government Legal Directorate, and Rachel Nicholson, Solicitor, Scottish Government Legal Directorate, Scottish Government.

3. **Covert Human Intelligence Sources (Criminal Conduct) Bill 2019-21 (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee took evidence on legislative consent memorandum LCM(S5)48 from—

Humza Yousaf, Cabinet Secretary for Justice, Graeme Waugh, Defence, Security & Cyber Resilience (DSCR), and Douglas Kerr, Solicitor, Scottish Government Legal Directorate, Scottish Government.

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

The Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Prescription of Offices, etc, and Specification of Public Authorities) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2020 (SSI 2020/361)

The Management of Offenders etc. (Scotland) Act 2005 (Specification of Persons) Amendment Order 2020 (SSI 2020/365)

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

5. **Justice Sub-Committee on Policing:** The Committee noted a report back from the Sub-Committee meeting held on 7 December 2020.
6. **Domestic Abuse (Protection) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee reviewed the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
7. **Covert Human Intelligence Sources (Criminal Conduct) Bill 2019-21 (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee reviewed the evidence heard earlier in the meeting. The Committee agreed to defer consideration of the LCM to a later meeting pending further information from the Scottish Government and developments on the Bill in the UK Parliament.

The meeting closed at 12.33 pm.

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