



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

7th Meeting, 2021 (Session 5)

Monday 22 February 2021

Present:

Annabelle Ewing
Rhoda Grant
Fulton MacGregor
Liam McArthur
Adam Tomkins (Convener)

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

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

1. **Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill - freedom of expression:** The Committee took evidence on the proposed amendments on freedom of expression in the Bill, in round-table format, in advance of Stage 3 from—

Humza Yousaf, Cabinet Secretary for Justice, Scottish Government;

Danny Boyle, Parliamentary and Policy Officer, Black and Ethnic Minority Infrastructure in Scotland;

Michael Clancy OBE, Director, Law Reform, The Law Society of Scotland;

Eilidh Dickson, Policy and Parliamentary Manager, Engender;

Roddy Dunlop QC, Dean, Faculty of Advocates;

Anthony Horan, Director, Catholic Parliamentary Office of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland;

Tim Hopkins, Director, Equality Network;

Lucy Hunter Blackburn, Murray Blackburn Mackenzie;

Becky Kaufman, Justice Policy Officer, Scottish Trans Alliance;

Iain Smith, National and Local Policy Manager, Inclusion Scotland;

Susan Smith, Director, For Women Scotland;

Fraser Sutherland, Chief Executive, Humanist Society Scotland;

Dr Andrew Tickell, Lecturer in Law, Glasgow Caledonian University;

Kieran Turner, Public Policy Officer, Scotland, Evangelical Alliance.

The meeting closed at 4.01 pm.

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