



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## JUSTICE COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

9th Meeting, 2021 (Session 5)

Tuesday 2 March 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 10.30 am.

1. **Public petitions:** The Committee considered the following petitions, and agreed, in relation to—

PE1370 by Dr Jim Swire, Professor Robert Black QC, Robert Forrester, Father Patrick Keegans and Iain McKie on Justice for Megrahi, to keep the petition open;

PE1458 by Peter Cherbi on a register of interests for members of Scotland's judiciary, to keep the petition open.

The Committee agreed to write to the Public Petitions Committee.

Annabelle Ewing indicated that she is a member of the Law Society of Scotland.

Liam Kerr indicated that he is a member of the Law Society of Scotland.

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

The Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/56)

The Committee agreed to make no recommendations in relation to the instrument. The Committee also agreed to write to the Minister for Community Safety on the general points raised by members in relation to legal aid.

The meeting closed at 11.06 am.

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