



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

**JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

**5th Meeting, 2017 (Session 5)**

**Tuesday 7 February 2017**

Present:

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| Mairi Evans                   | Mary Fee                     |
| John Finnie                   | Fulton MacGregor             |
| Rona Mackay (Deputy Convener) | Ben Macpherson               |
| Liam McArthur                 | Margaret Mitchell (Convener) |
| Oliver Mundell                | Douglas Ross                 |
| Stewart Stevenson             |                              |

The meeting opened at 10.38 am.

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take items 6 and 7 in private. The Committee also agreed to consider its draft report on its inquiry into the role and purpose of the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service in private at future meetings.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee took evidence on the Stop and Search Code of Practice (Appointed Day) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 [draft] from—

Michael Matheson, Cabinet Secretary for Justice, Scottish Government.

3. **Subordinate legislation:** Michael Matheson (Cabinet Secretary for Justice) moved—

S4M-03459—That the Justice Committee recommends that the Stop and Search Code of Practice (Appointed Day) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to without debate or dissent.

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

Title Conditions (Scotland) Act 2003 (Rural Housing Bodies) Amendment Order 2017 (SSI 2017/7).

The Committee agreed to make no recommendation in relation to the instrument.

5. **Justice Sub-Committee on Policing:** The Committee noted a report back from the Convener of the Sub-Committee on its meeting held on 2 February 2017.
6. **Railway Policing (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee considered written evidence received and agreed proposed witnesses for its scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1.
7. **Inquiry into the role and purpose of the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (in private):** The Committee considered a discussion paper on its inquiry.

The meeting closed at 12.11 pm.

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