



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

7th Meeting, 2017 (Session 5)

Tuesday 28 February 2017

Present:

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

Apologies were received from Fulton MacGregor.

The meeting opened at 10.02 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take item 5 in private.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee took evidence on the Judiciary and Courts (Scotland) Act 2008 (Scottish Land Court) Order 2017 [draft] from—

Annabelle Ewing, Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs,
Scottish Government.

3. **Subordinate legislation:** Annabelle Ewing (Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs) moved—

S5M-03909—That the Justice Committee recommends that the Judiciary and Courts (Scotland) Act 2008 (Scottish Land Court) Order 2017 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to without debate or division.

4. **Limitation (Childhood Abuse) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee took evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—

Laura Dunlop QC, Convener, Law Reform Committee, Faculty of Advocates;

Kim Leslie, Convener, Civil Justice Committee, Law Society of Scotland;

Bruce Adamson, Legal Officer, Scottish Human Rights Commission;

Lauren Bruce, Policy Manager, Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA);

Lesley Boal QPM, Detective Chief Superintendent - Public Protection, Specialist Crime Division, Police Scotland;

Alistair Gaw, Acting Executive Director, Communities and Families, City of Edinburgh Council, representing Social Work Scotland;

Vladimir Valiente, Principal Solicitor, Midlothian Council, representing the Society of Local Authority Lawyers (SOLAR).

Ben Macpherson declared an interest as a non-practicing member of the Law Society of Scotland.

5. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee agreed additional witnesses for the Railway Policing (Scotland) Bill and deferred consideration of other matters under this item to a future meeting.
6. **Inquiry into the role and purpose of the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (in private):** The Committee deferred consideration of a draft report to a future meeting.

The meeting closed at 1.02 pm.

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