



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## JUSTICE COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

17th Meeting, 2017 (Session 5)

Tuesday 9 May 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 10.00 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 Apologies (Scotland) Act 2016 (Excepted Proceedings) Regulations 2017 [draft] from—

Annabelle Ewing, Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs, and Elinor Owe, Civil Law Policy Manager, Scottish Government.

Fulton MacGregor declared an interest as being on the register of the Scottish Social Services Council. Margaret Mitchell declared an interest as the member in charge of the Bill for the Apologies (Scotland) Act 2016.

The Committee agreed to seek further information from the Scottish Human Rights Commission as to its views on the instrument.

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

S5M-05334—That the Justice Committee recommends that the Apologies (Scotland) Act 2016 (Excepted Proceedings) Regulations 2017 [draft] be approved.

After debate, the motion was agreed to (by division: For 7, Against 4, Abstentions 0).

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

Philip Lamont, Bill Team Leader, and Patrick Down, Bill Team, Scottish Government.

5. **Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee agreed witnesses for its scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1.

The meeting closed at 12.29 pm.

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