



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## JUSTICE COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

19th Meeting, 2017 (Session 5)

Tuesday 23 May 2017

Present:

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

Also present: Annabelle Ewing, Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs.

Apologies were received from Margaret Mitchell (Convener).

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Scottish Fire and Rescue Service:** The Committee reviewed the operation of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 as it relates to the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service by taking evidence from—

Alasdair Hay, Chief Officer, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service;

Pat Watters, Chair, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Board;

Chris McGlone, Executive Council Member, Region 1, Scotland, Fire Brigades Union;

Derek Jackson, Branch Secretary, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Branch, Unison Scotland.

2. **Limitation (Childhood Abuse) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee considered the Bill at Stage 2.

Amendment 1 was agreed to (without division).

Amendment 2 was disagreed to (by division: For 3, Against 7, Abstentions 1).

The following provisions were agreed to without amendment: sections 2 and 3 and the long title.

Section 1 was agreed to as amended.

The Committee completed Stage 2 consideration of the Bill.

3. **Justice Sub-Committee on Policing:** The Committee considered and noted a report back from the Convener of the Sub-Committee on the meeting held on 18 May 2017.

The meeting closed at 11.44 am.

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