



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

22nd Meeting, 2017 (Session 5)

Tuesday 13 June 2017

Present:

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

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take item 3 in private.
2. **Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee took evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—

Dr Marsha Scott, Chief Executive, and Heather Williams, Chair, Board of Directors of Scottish Women's Aid, and former Manager of Ross-shire Women's Aid, Dingwall, Scottish Women's Aid;

Girijamba Polubothu, Manager, Shakti Women's Aid;

Alison Waugh, Trustee, Abused Men in Scotland;

Ronnie Barnes, Trustee, Action on Elder Abuse Scotland;

Alan McCloskey, Director of Operations, and Kevin Kane, Parliamentary, Policy and Research Officer, Victim Support Scotland.

3. **Civil Litigation (Expenses and Group Proceedings) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee considered its approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1 and agreed (a) to issue a call for written evidence on the Bill; and (b) initial witnesses on the Bill.

The meeting closed at 12.39 pm.

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