



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## JUSTICE COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

24th Meeting, 2017 (Session 5)

Tuesday 27 June 2017

Present:

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

Apologies were received from Liam McArthur.

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take items 6 and 7 in private.
2. **Justice Sub-Committee on Policing:** The Committee noted a report back from the Convener of the Sub-Committee on the meeting held on 22 June 2017.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee took evidence on the Advice and Assistance (Proceedings for Recovery of Documents) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 [draft] from—

Michael Matheson, Cabinet Secretary for Justice, and Denise Swanson, Head of Access to Justice Unit, Scottish Government.

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

S5M-06068—That the Justice Committee recommends that the Advice and Assistance (Proceedings for Recovery of Documents) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to.

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

Michael Matheson, Cabinet Secretary for Justice, Scottish Government.

6. **Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Repeal) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee considered its approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1 and agreed to issue a call for written evidence.
7. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee considered its work programme and agreed to hold evidence sessions in the autumn on (a) remand; and (b) diversion from prosecution.

The meeting closed at 12.05 pm.

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